#### Bomb explodes near Israeli patrol

SIDON. Lebanon (R) - A bomb exploded near the Israeli military governor's headquarters in this southern Lebanese port Wednesday while an Israeli patrol was passing along the main road, security sources said. They said the explosion caused damage but no casualties. The Israelis arrested three people and set up checkpoints along the road to search vehicles. It was the latest in a series of attacks against Israeli forces which invaded Lebanon last year. Responsibility for most of the attacks has been claimed by the "Lebanese National Resistance Front." An Israeli ministry spokesman had no immediate comment on the incident.



#### Israel may reconsider F-16 purchases

TEL AVIV (R) - Israeli Defence Minister Moshe Arens wants the cabinet to reconsider its decision to buy 75 U.S.-made F-16 fighter planes, Israel Radio reported Wednesday. The report said the defence minister appeared to favour buying fewer of the sophisticated aircraft because of their cost. The 75 planes together are priced at about \$3 billion. Their sale was delayed by President Reagan after Israel's invasion of Lebanon last year. increasing the price, the radio said. The Israeli treasury has been pressing for large budget cuts, including defence spending, which accounts for almost one third of Israel's national expenditures. Since taking over the defence portfolio in February. Mr. Arens has pressed ahead with plans for Israel to build its own Lavie fighter plane.

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#### Bomb defused outside Jerusalem

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) An Israeli police engineer Wednesday defused a bomb pla-nted in the Attarot suburb north of Jerusalem. Israel Radio reported. The device was found near a warehouse in an industrial zone. on the Jerusalem-Ramallah hig-

#### Israelis hold murder suspect

TEL AVIV (R) - Police Wednesday said they were holding a suspect in connection with the death of a demonstrator outside the prime minister's office in occupied Jerusalem last February. A Jerusalem district court ruled there was sufficient evidence against the suspect, arrested two days ago, for police to detain him for 10 more days while investigations continued. The suspect was charged with illegal possession of arms and explosive materials, police said.

#### Algerian minister to visit Tunisia

TUNIS (R) - Algerian Foreign Minister Ahmad Taleb Ibrahimi is due here Wednesday for an official visit to Tunisia, a Foreign Ministry statement said. The visit. at the invitation of Tunisian Foreign Minister Beji Caid Essebsi. will take place immediately after Mr. Essebsi's return from Libya where he attended a meeting of the joint Libyan-Tunisian cooperation commission.

#### Court annuls disputed election in Rabat

RABAT (R) - A vioroccan court Wednesday annulled the election of 22 members of a Rabat municipal council because of irregularities at the polls, defence lawyers said. The court made void the election of 11 members of the Socialist Union of Popular Forces. the main opposition party, eight of the Constitutional Union (U.C.) and three of the Istiglal Party -both part of the coalition government. The court ruled that scrutineers at several polling stations had been improperly selected.

#### China to discuss IAEA membership

PEKING(R) - China will discuss joining the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) when IAEA chief Hans Blix visits Peking next month, the China News Service said Wednesday. The Vienna-based IAEA was established in 1957 to promote peaceful use of nuclear energy and prevent diversion of nuclear material for military purposes.

#### India buys 12 anti-sub helicopters

NEW DELHI (R) - India has signed contracts for the purchase of anti-submarine helicopters and missiles from Britain. Defence-Minister Ramaswami Venkataraman told a parliamentary committee Wednesday. The United News of India (UN1) news agency said Britain would supply 12 Sea King helicopters equipped with air-to-surface missiles and India would have the option to buy eight more. Mr. Venkataraman said the contracts were signed in New Delhi Tuesday with Sea King's manufacturers. Westland Helicopters, and with British Aerospace.

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okays partial withdrawal

> TEL AVIV (R) — The Israeli government formally decided Wednesday to go ahead with its plan to redeploy Israeli troops along a new defence line in South Lebanon, a cabinet spokesman said.

Israeli officials have for weeks referred to the decision to redeploy as a foregone conclusion. They said it had become necessary in the light of Syria's refusal to agree to the simultaneous withdrawal of all foreign forces from

The plan -- drawn up by the army and approved unanimously by the cabinet - calls for Israeli troops to pull out of the Beirut area and the Shouf mountains. where rival Druze and predominantly Christian rightist militias are fighting each other, to new positions along the Awali River, north of Sidon.

Senior army officers said the redeployment would be conducted in stages and completed by November before the onset of the Lebanese winter.

The government has been under heavy domestic pressure to reduce Israeli casualties in Lebanon. Over 500 soldiers have been killed since the Israeli invasion 13 months ago, 150 of them since heavy fighting ended last Sep-

Israel wants the area it evacuates to be taken over by the Lebanese army and soldiers of the Beirut-based multi-national peacekeeping force.

Israeli officials said last week they were holding intensive talks with the Lebanese government to persuade it that Israel did not see redeployment as leading to the permanent partition of Lebanon.

#### Lebanese problems

Army officers said they did not underestimate the difficulties the Lebanese army would face moving into the Shouf.

Wednesday criticised Israel's plan

Mr. Salem. in Washington with

ayel for talks with President Rea-

gan, told reporters his government

wanted a full withdrawal of all for-

cussion on partial withdrawal take

place." he told reporters after he

and vir. Gemayel met members of

White House spokesman Larry

Speakes reiterated that U.S. pol-

icy calls for total withdrawal of all

foreign forces "in a way that pre-

serves stability and avoids vio-

He said the United States would

look closely at the Israeli plan to

see if it advanced those principles.

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anon is in no mood to talk about

an army withdrawal of one or two

kilometres (because) we are tal-

king about the life of the nation

"We are not interested in mer-

BEIRUT(R) Iwo people were

killed and four were wounded

when shells hit the predominantly

rightist suburb of ashrafich in east

Beirut Wednesday, police said.

At least three shells crashed on

the densely populated area. Cars

were left blazing in the streets and ambulances rushed to the scene.

Falangist radio reported that

The radio said the shells were

fired from positions behind Syrian

lines in the mountains east of the

three people were killed and 20

wounded in the bombardment.

and the survival of democracy."

Vir. Salem said: "After eight

'We would rather have no dis-

eign forces from Lebanon.

Congress.

lence.

to withdraw its troops to a new

Lebanon raps Israeli

WASHINGTON (R) - Leb- elv accommodating the external

anese Foreign Minister Elie Salem political interests of other cou-

defence line in South Lebanon but erstood it would be consulted bef-

said the Lebanese army could ore any decision was made on a

keep order in any evacuated area. partial Israeli withdrawal but had

Lebanese President Amin Gem- the Israeli cabinet decision.

withdrawal scheme

A Lebanese military patrol tried last week to enter the Shouf town of Aley but was forced to withdraw after suffering casualties in a fierce battle with Druze mil-

"We will try to make it as easy as we can for them by pulling out of small areas that they can take over slowly." one officer said.

As for the four countries whose troops make up the multi-national force -- the U.S.. France. Italy and Britain -- only the French have indicated they might be willing to send soldiers to the Shouf. where they would have the tough task of keeping the warring factions apart.

The army's plan envisages Israel holding on to its two main strategic assets in Lebanon -- its positions facing the Syrians in the Bekaa Valley and an intelligence monitoring station on Mount Bar-

#### 'Trump card'

Israeli troops in the Bekas are less than 25 kilometres from Damaseus. One officer called this "our trump card." adding that if there was any chance of forcingthe Syrians out of Lebanon, it lay in the fact that Damascus was in easy range of Israelis anillery.

From Mount Baroukh Israel is not only able to monitor Syrian troop movements but its positions provide some control over the vital Beirut-Damascus highway.

Israeli officials still claim Israel ideally would like to see implementation of the agreement it signed with Lebanon last vlay providing for the total withdrawal of Israeli troops, But Syria's opposition has effectively sabotaged the accord.

ntries," vir. Salem added.

He said Lebanon had und-

as yet received no confirmation of

He said the Lebanese army was

ready to move into any evacuated

areas and could keep order there.

Some U.S. officials have exp-

ressed doubt that this could be

achieved in volatile areas such as

the Shouf mountains, now pat-

Lebanese rightist militia and

Druze forces have repeatedly cla-

shed in the region, although the

fighting has been limited by the

people for the army is more than

enough to maintain peace and sta-

multinational peacekeeping force

in Lebanon, which includes U.S.

Marines, might move into the vac-

uum left by the Israeli withdrawal.

sibility, replying: "We have rec-

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No independent confirmation

Earlier, two rockets were fired

at the headquarters of the leftist

Progressive Socialist Party (PSP).

wounding at least two people.

arently from a small bazooka.

were fired from a passing car sho-

rily after midnight (23th) G v11's.

Druze, is headed by Walid Jun-

blatt, who is living in self-imposed

exile abroad, mainly in Jordan.

The PSP, made up mainly of

They said the rockets, app-

of the radio report was imm-

ediately available.

evewitnesses said.

He did not discount the pos-

Vir. Salem said.

"The support of the Lebanese

Mr. Speakes was asked if the

rolled by Israel.

Israelis.

bility."

Beirut shelling kills 2

# Israel cabinet

His Highness Prince Abdullah, the Regent, Wednesday receives Indian special envoy Romesh Bhandari, (second from right) at the Royal Hashemite Court. Acting Prime Minister and Information Min-

ister Adnan Abu Odeh (third from right) and Chief of the Royal Court Ahmad Al Lawzi are also att-

Non-aligned emissary delivers nessage to Regent

# Indian envoy exchanges views with Jordan on Middle East

By Afifah A. Kaloti Special to the Jordan Times

A M MAN - Special Indian envoy Romesh Bhandari Wednesday delivered to His Highness Prince Abdullah Ibn Al Hussein, the Regent. a message from Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi to His Majesty King Hussein dealing with the task of an eight-member non-aligned committee on Palestine.

During the audience at the Royal Court the Indian envoy was briefed on Jordan's assessment of the Palestinian situation and the whole vliddle East crisis, the Jordanian News Agency. Petra. said.

The agency said that vir. Bhandari also listened to Jordanian views on the committee's mission and Jordan stressed the imports aimed at finding a just, dur- dle East," vir. Bhandari said. able and comprehensive solution to the Palestine problem which the eight-member non-aligned will guarantee a total Israeli wit- committee has not so far met bec-

hdrawal from occupied Arab territories and safeguard the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people. Petra said.

In an interview with the Jordan fimes. Mr. Bhandari stressed that Jordan is a "vital element for the whole peace process, being the country which is mostly directly effected. vir. Bhandari. who had visited

Syria. Libya and Junisia a few days before, is on a tour of viiddle East countries as an emissary of Mrs. Gandhi. the current chairman of the Non-Aligned Movement. Mr. Bhandari's tour comes developments of the Palestine within the framework of an problem, the central issue of the eight-member, committee constituted at the seventh nonaligned summit in vlarch 1983, to seek a solution to the Palestinian

" The main objective of the tour is to hold consultations, regarding ortance of reactivating peace eff- the evolving situation in the viid-

issue.

vir. Bhandari pointed out that

ause virs. Gandhi is "first of all keen to know the views and assessments of the main Middle Eastern countries regarding the Palestinian issue.

He said that it is essential for the committee to first of all have a clearer and more detailed understanding on the situation" in the vliddle East from different Arab capitals.

'In that context." he added. "it is also to determine what possibly the non-aligned committee may be able to do.

Jordan and India have "identical views on the restoration of the legitimate rights of the Palestimians." Vr. Bhandari said.

On Israel's settlement policy in the occupied Arab territories. Mr. Bhandari said, "It only hampers peace efforts and can only make the solution to the problem more difficult.

On Lebanon, the Indian envoy said that Israel should unconditionally withdraw from that

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#### Begin's ability to function in question TEL AVIV (R) - Depressed and

living in near-seclusion, Israeli Prime Vinister Venachem Begin has triggered an anxious debate about his ability to govern by pos-tponing talks with President Rea-

Mr. Begin's emotional health, a backroom topic for several months, was debated Wednesday across the front pages with newspapers and politicians calling for explanations.

Aides Tuesday cited personal reasons for his decision not to meet the U.S. president next week but repeatedly refused to spell out what these were.

Newspaper editorials demanded details and opposition leader Shimon Peres, until now clearly reluctant to exploit the issue. spoke of "serious questions about his (Begin's) ability to function."

Government ministers raised the issue during a cabinet meeting Wednesday, vir. Begin gave no explanation, simply apologising for not consulting his coalition partners before Tuesday's announcement, state radio reported. The radio's diplomatic cor-

respondent. Shimon Shiffer. a confidant of cabinet ministers.

reported Mr. Begin was especially alert at the meeting "like a man who has had a weight lifted from his shoulders."

In an apparent attempt to provehis health, the prime minister Wednesday lunched in the Knesset (parliament) restaurant for the first time in months. Mr. Begin, who celebrates his

70th birthday according to the Jewish calender next Saturday. has had recurrent bouts of poor health since taking office six years In the past he has always bou-

nced back from his so-called "downs" and sometimes in spectacular fashion -- in 1981 he ended months of apparent low morale by ordering the bombing of Iraq's nuclear reactor site and swept on to an election victory. Aides date back his current

depression to the death of his wife Aliza last November. They say it has been compounded by continuing army casualties in Lebanon with each death causing him "almost physical anguish."

for weeks on end the prime minister has stayed out of sight in his office and residence where he is looked after by a daughter.

Mr. Begin has appeared in public rarely, made only a few unusually subdued speeches and granted no press interviews. Foreign visitors have reported he has lost his old zest for the job.

Postponing his Washington trip can only strengthen the feeling that Mr. Begin is not in a condition which permits him to firmly grasp the reins of government." the independent newspaper Haaretz

The afternoon newspaper Vlaariv demanded clear answers about Mr. Begin's health and opposition Labour politicians said they would press for details in the Knesset.

Newspapers recalled an old pledge vir. Begin made to resign on his 70th birthday. Aides said there was no question of this happening and triends have said vir. Begin considered it unthinkable to leave office until the Lebanon dilemma was solved.

One reason for the anxiety is that vir. Begin has no obvious successor and a sudden departure might create unstable leadership when Israel is trying to extricate uself from Lebanon.

## Hassan urges Europe to refocus attention on occupied territories

AMMAN (J.T.) - His Royal ference is urgently needed. If it tern world to refocus their attention on the Israeli-occupied territories and the situation there.

eration Organisation's (PLO) big- estinian face?" gest commando movement, has

with officials of the European Economic Community (EEC) and EEC member states to take part in under occupation. a conference on Palestine due to be held in Geneva in August.

boycou the conference. Prince Hassan commented that the con-

Highness Crown Prince Hassan had taken place a year ago this has called on Europe and the Wes- would have been better, he said.

On the question of possible negotiations between Jordan and Israel and the role of the PLO in a In an interview with the Middle peace settlement. Prince Hassan East Economic Digest (MEED) said, "there is a movement in the held in Brussels and published in PLO to throw away any political this week's MEED issue, the solution. We have to see what the Crown Prince said that the reb- PLO becomes in the coming ellion in Fatch, the Palestine Lib- weeks. Will it really have a Pal-

Prince Hassan and Belgian Extdiverted world attention from the ernal Relations vlinister Leo l'inreal issue of the Palestinian people dermans expressed their concern living in the occupied territories. in a joint press statement at the Prince Hassan, who was in the deterioration in the prospects for Belgian capital July 7-10 for talks peace in the Middle East. They also expressed concern at the difficulties encountered in attempts the Belgian government, urged to assist the Palestinian people

The Belgian government ann-, ounced that it will set up an emb-The FEC countries except for assy in Amman this autumn as Greece and France are likely to Jordan is becoming an inc-

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## Iranian oil installations remain targets, Iraq says

BAGHDAD (R) - Iraqi Foreign Minister l'areq Aziz said Wednesday lraq's air force and navy would continue to hit Iranian oil and industrial installations in the Gulf war and admitted Iraq was using French-made Exocet mis-

"Iraq is determined to threaten Iranian petroleum and economic tallations in the Gult since the war interests in the Gulf." Vir. Aziz started nearly three years ago. told local and foreign journalists .-- Izan had "forced a military siege here during a three-hour news that hampered the export of oil conference.

since the beginning of the war and are still used against Iranian targets.

"Irau's possession of these missiles was part of its armament before they were used in the Falklands war (between Argentina and Britain)." he said.

Defence sources in Paris earlier said Iraq had been using helicopter-mounted Exocets supplied by France in 1974. The Paris newspaper Le Monde said last month France had agreed to lend ipped with the missiles.

The Iraqi foreign minister told . Wednesday's news conference Iranian installations would remain targets for Iraqi bombs so long as Iran hampered the free flow of oil from the Gulf.

He said Iran had destroyed huge parts of Iraq's oil ins-

from the south, hence Iraq must Asked if French air-to-surface act in the same way and inflict Exocet missiles were being used, harm to the Iranian oil insthe foreign minister said: "The tallations at any level." he added.

French missiles have been used VIr. Aziz was asked about the danger of mines planted in the Gulf following mine warnings oft the Saudi Arabian coast from the U.S. Defence Mapping Agency which regularly issues reports to

mariners. He said in reply he had no precise or official information about such mines,

"But I suppose mines exist in the (war) zone, planted by both sides, and probably some of them drifted due to atmospheric or water current conditions to those Iraq five Super-Etendard jets equ- areas." he added.

## Kuwait wants amendment to GCC security accord

Ahmad Al Jaber, was quoted and Oman. Wednesday as saying his country Informed sources have said the had finalised amendments to a Kowaiti government was unhappy joint security agreement for the about a clause allowing security Gulf Cooperation Council forces to pursue suspects 20 kil-

spapers as saying Kuwait, which thought "necessary and suitable." He did not elaborate.

be presented to the GCC interior ministers' meeting to be held in Oatar on October. The council groups Kuwait.

(GCC). He was quoted by Kuwaiti new-ghbouring state. has so far blocked ratification of Al Ahmad Al Sabah told parthe agreement, had included a liament in December that Kuwait number of amendments which it refused to sign because the pact

Sheikh Nawaf was quoted as

KUWAII' (R) - Kuwait's int- Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, the erior minister. Sheikh Nawaf Al United Arab Emirates (UAE)

> ometres into the territory of a nei-Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah

> would "violate the country's sovereignty and constitution.

The council, established in May saying the new draft accord would 1981, has reached a number of other agreements between members covering cooperation in such fields as economics, finance. trade, customs and agriculture. .

# Reagan lobbies for MX

WASHINGTON(R) -President Reagan lobbied Wednesday for approval of his MX missiles in the House of Representatives and House Speaker Thomas (Tip) O'Neill said the line up so lar fatoured the new nuclear weapon.

Wednesday night or Thursday. The Senate was likely to approve vir. Reagan's request for >2.6 billion in production funds to deploy 1100 MX missiles but opponents hoped to defeat the pro-

posal in the house and then reach a

compromise in Congress res-

The crucial vote was expected

tricting viX production. Mr. O'Neill said house opponents were still eight short of the 210 votes necessary to defeat the uX money and acknowledged it would be difficult to win over more members.

But house Democratic leader

Jim Wright of Texas announced

he would vote against the MX and White House spokesman Larry Speakes said Reagan aides believed the vote was even closer than Mr. O'Neill thought. Mr. Speakes told reporters Mr.

Reagan was telephoning wavering house members for their support in a final drive to win house app-Hr. Reagan sent 275 house members a letter Tuesday night saying house approval had special

significance "in terms of speaking with one bipartisan voice, of standing up for U.S. vital interests ... He said the MX was a "lever that is working... to keep the Sovicts moving at the negotiation tab-

But vir. Wright called President Reagan's defence buildup "the biggest military spending spree in our peacetime history"

#### Vatican kidnappers say girl still alive ROME (R) Men claiming to earlier in the day to a Rome state intends not to lose possession

have kidnapped a 15-year-old schoolgirl said Wednesday she vas still alive as their deadline ticked away for the Italian government to save her life by releasing the Turk who shot the Pope wo years ago.

In the past two weeks anonymous telephone callers have said Emanuela Orlandi, a Vatican employee's daughter who disappeared in Rome on June 22. would be killed unless gunman Mehmet Ali Agea was freed by Wednesday.

A man who telephoned the Italian news agency ANSA shortly before noon Wednesday said she was still alive but that the deadline was set for midnight Wednesday. the agency reported.

It said this was the caller's expmessage for ANSA telelphoned

church. The man called the agency to check it had received the mes-

The phrase said: "Reaching the suppression of July 20 we do not lose hope in the will of those who can carry out a final and resolving gesture."

This suggested the kidnappers hoped the Italian government might still release Agea, who tried to kill the Pope in 1981.

But ANSA said the caller implied that the word "suppression" was intended as a threat that would be carried out when the deadline expired. He also said there would be no further mes-

sages before then. Wednesday's message, couched in the same clumsy Italian as previous statements, began: "The with the blessing of the Vatican

of an instrument of propaganda like the detainee Ali Agea. Agea had been moved out of

solitary confinement and promised improved conditions, it Pope John Paul, at a general

audience in Saint Peter's Square. Wednesday led the crowds in a prayer for Emanuela. It was the pontiff's fourth public reference to her since she vanished after attending a music school class in centrai Rome.

The vatican has been deeply involved in the case, but a spokesman Wednesday for the secand day pointed to the Holy See's powerlessness. The Pope had given Agea a Christian pardon but it was the Italian state which had lanation of an obscure phrase in a government of the Italian republic sentenced him to life imprisonment, he said.

الملدًا صد الأحل

# Habre's forces clash with rebels in Fada

N'DJAMENA (R) - Chadian forces clashed with anti-government rebels at the northeastern outpost of Fada Wednesday to break a week-long lull in the civil war, Information Minister Mahamat Soumalia

But he told reporters that the engagement was "not very vio-lent" and gave no indication of the

Skirmishing outside Fada, a sub-prefecture in the Ennedi reg-ion, apparently began Tuesday between retreating rebel columns. and the government forces pursuing them.

According to Wednesday's report the combat has now reached the isolated town, which lies in a mountain range about 900 kilometres northeast of the capital.

Analysts had speculated earlier that former President Goukouni Queddei would prefer to evacuate his Libyan-backed rebels from Fada rather than stage a pitched hattle there, in view of the locality's scant strategic importance.

His main stronghold, and one which he cannot afford to lose, is Faya-Largeau, the desert oasis 270 kilometres west of Fada which he captured from President Hissene Habre's army on June 24.

Mr. Goukouni's rapid advance south-east was checked 10 days ago and the government has been in control of the eastern region for the past week with no reports of serious clashes.

The lull, and Wednesday's attack on Fada. have led to widespread anticipation of a full-scale government push against Faya-

Largeau. Mr. Habre's birthplace. Official Chadian sources registered satisfaction Wednesday with Tuesday's announcement from Washington that the United States was supplying \$10 million

worth of military and food aid. The airlift, which is expected to begin within the next few days. is a clear gesture of support for Mr. Habre's government and is being interpreted here as another warning to Libya.

'French mercenaries'

ABIDJAN (R) — A top rebel field commander has charged that France had supplied mercenaries to Chadian President Hissene. Habre, Cotonou Radio monitored

Col. Wadal Abdel Kamougue. commander in ousted Chadian President Goukouni Oueddei's rebel army, told reporters Tuesday in Cotonou, Benin: "We know that France has sent mercenaries to Chad. claiming that they are civilians".

France has supplied tons of military supplies, including some

sophisticated weaponry, to help Mr. Habre's ill-equipped army beat back a Libyan-backed rebel offensive. But it has turned down repeated requests for troops although it is reported to have sent in civilian technicians for the maintenance of some of the weapons.

Cotonou Radio quoted Col. Kamougue as saying that the French mercenaries belonged to the Bordeaux-based Third Motorised Infantry Regiment.

The Chadian government Tuesday denied it had hired mercenaries and described armed white men in military uniforms spotted in eastern Chad as unpaid. personal friends personally attached to the Chadian cause.

Col. Kamougue held talks with Benin's Marxist President Mathieu Kerekou, who supports Mr. Queddei. He had previously visited Congo as part of a diplomatic offensive on behalf of his leader. who was ousted by Mr. Habre 13

months ago.

He told journalists the rebel army had men in sufficient numbers but needed more logistical

Col. Kamougue was to fly to Lagos Wednesday for talks with Nigerian government officials.

In Addis Ababa, the Ethiopian foreign ministry in a statement expressed concern over reports that the United States was helping in the airlift of arms and military

enian communities around the world. The Lausanne meeting is expected to press for recognition by governments and the United Nations of what it calls Armenians'

Ar nenian congress to start today inalienable rights of the past, pre-LAUSANNE. Switzerland (R) sent and future. The second World Armenian

It also wants to reclaim the Armenian traditional homeland in eastern Turkey but Turkey strongly opposes any challenge to its geographical integrity.

Responsibility for last Friday's bomb attack at the Turkish Airlines desk in Paris' Orly airport was claimed by Armenian -- the Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia (ASALA). It came only a day after the murder in Brussels of a Turkish diplomat, claimed by the same group.

The organiser of the congress. who condemned the Paris killing

as "a shocking, terrible act carried out by desparadoes". said he feared the meeting could be disrupted by Armenian guerrillas.

press conference held in Paris with the Armenian

Cause Defence Committee representative Ara Krikerrian, right, during which the Orly bombing

was severely condemned. (A.P. wirephoto)

"We are very nervous at the moment. But precautions have been taken and we hope the congress will be carried out without any disturbances from within or outside," Father James Kamusian told Reuters.

Turkey has hinted it would retaliate for the Paris blast claimed by ASALA, one of two main Armenian guerrilla groups which have killed more than 30 people. mostly Turks. in a decade-long campaign of violence.

attacker

# Israel claims burying Syrian, PLO war dend

- More than 44 Palestinian guerrillas and Syrian soldiers killed in

the war in Lebanon have been buried near a military base in northem Israel, an Israeli army spokesman said.

He made the disclosure after Israeli leftists held a press conference to say Arab guerrillas killed by Israeli troops had been buried in unmarked mass graves in contravention of the Geneva convention.

The spokesman said 44 cap-tured bodies were properly buried in separate marked graves and a list of the dead was given to the appropriate international org-

He said another two graves held several bodies each because the remains were so severely mangled and burned when Israeli troops

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) found them that they were impossible to identify.

The last person buried at the temetery was a guerrilla killed while trying to escape from Ansar prison camp in South Lebason on June 12. In accordance with the family's wishes, the hody was later transferred to Syria, the army said.

Tamara Kohns, who identified herself as a freelance American journalist, said there was a wan at the cemetery which read: "Cemetery for enemy fallen."

The army spokesman said-22 Palestinian guerrillas and 20 Syrian soldiers, including injured Syrian ian war prisoners who died in hospital in Israel, were buried at the

Syrian soldiers from previous Israeli Middle East wars were buried in a separate section of the cemetery, located across from a military base, he added.

## Bangladeshi envoy ends challenge to OIC chief

DHAKA (R) - Bangladeshi Foreign Vinister A.R. Shamsud Doha said Wednesday he would abandon his campaign to become secretary-general of the 44-nation Organisation of the Islamic Conference, if the incumbent, Habib Chatty of Tunisia, was allowed to continue in office until the and of

But he said he would remain an active candidate if a consensus of members did not agree to Mr. Charty's re-election or if Vir. Cha-

tty himself stepped down. Mr. Doha said he would withdraw only if Mr. Chatty, whose term is due to expire in October. was confirmed in the office by a

He noted that an Islamic summit conference in Taif. Saudi Arabia, had decided three years ago that the tenure of the OIC secretary-general should be doubled to four years but did not spell out the date from which the decision would be effective. "As far as I am oncerned, I teel

that the spirit of the Tail conference must be upheld and vir. Habib Chatty should be allowed to continue till December 1984. Mr. Doha told Reuters. Arab diplomats expressed fears

that strident campaigning for the post could hurt the organisation. "It may damage the Islamic

unity. one of them said.

#### Malaysian aide to discuss U.N. Palestine confab in U.K., Paris

KUALA LUMPUR (R) - Malaysian Foreign Vinister Tan Sri Ghazali Shafie. said Wednesday he will visit Britain and France next week to discuss matters reling a two-day official visit starting

He told a news conference here he would meet British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe dur-France at a date currently being

#### 6 ne nbers of Iraqi fa nily said executed

BAGHDAD (R. - Iraqi Foreign Minister Parey Aziz said Wednesday six members of a prominent Shi ite family in Iraq had been executed and other family members arrested because they were guilty of high treason due to connections with Iran.

A member of the family, dissident elergyman Mohammad Bager Hakim disclosed the exeentions last month at a Friday prayer meeting in Tehran, where he is spokesman for the "supreme assembly for the Islamic revolution in

### **Tehran backs Damscus on** Lebanon troops issue

DAMASCUS (R) - Iran has reiterated its support for Syria in its opposition to the Israeli-Lebanese troop withdrawal accord, the official Syrian news agency reported

Tuesday night.
It said the Iranian leaders told Faroug Al-Share'. Syrian minister of state for foreign affairs, that Iran supported Syria in "confronting the American and Zionist onslaught and the Israeli-

Lebanese agreement." Syria condemned the U.S.sponsored troop

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22:00 News and Editorial 22:15 Music

USA Jazz 23:00 VOA World Report

security, the agency said.

Assembly reports to Khomeini TEHRAN (R) - An assembly of Iranian religious experts, formed to choose a successor to revolutionary leader Ayatollah Khomeini when he dies, reported l'uesday on its first series of meetings to the ayatollah himself.

Tehran radio said the report was presented by the assembly's chairman. Ayatollah Ali vieshkini, when the group met Khomeini at the mosque where he eement as it endangered Syrian lives in north Fehran.

#### Gallo said Syrian-born Varadjan Garbidijan, a member of the Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia (ASALA).

police after the bomb attack.

morning after making a confession Tuesday night. Mr. Gallo said.

News of his arrest came as security for Air France planes and offices and government installations was stepped up following a threat by an anonymous caller to a French news agency

Tuesday saying further attacks by ASALA were possible.

Justice ministry sources said 11 was among 56 activists arrested by of the Armenian activists rounded He had appeared before an up after the bombing were app- there are any similarities between examining magistrate Wednesday earing before an examining mag- the two bombs."

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LONDON (R) - A bomb found in London last Friday may be lin-ked to the blast which killed six people at Orly airport in Paris the same day, police sources said Tue-

sday night. "A spokesman for the city of London police said: "We are in contact with Paris police to see if

#### sted to the United Nations int- July 25, and senior officials in emational conference on the Pal-

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"Private Lives" by Noel Coward. at the British Council Thursday and Friday CULTURAL CENTRES

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#### **MUSEUMS**

Folklore Museum: Jewelry and cos-turnes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre. Amman. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 51760. Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of lordan. Jahal Al Qafa (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9,100 a.m. - 5,100 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10,000 a.m. 4,100 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays. Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculpture by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of pointings by 19th Century orientalist artists. Muntazah, Jabal Luweibdeh, Opening hours: 10,00 a.m. 1,30 p.m. and 3,30 p.m. - 6,00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays, Tel. 30128. Military Museum: Collection of military memorabilia dating from the Arab Revolt of 1416. Sports City. Amman. Opening hours 9 a.m. 4 p.m. Closed Saturdays, Tel. 664240.

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Paris arrests alleged Orly

ARMENIAN SOCIALISTS TALK: Armenian

representative of the Socialist Dachnak Party Rev-

olutionary Federation Henri Papazian, left, ges-tures Monday while answering newsmen during a

Congress opens here Thursday

only days after Armenian gue-

rrillas launched a bomb attack in

Paris, killing six people and wou-

About 2(ii) participants are

expected at the meeting, which

aims at creating an

internationally-recognised org-

anisation for the scattered Arm-

PARIS (R) - The French gov-

ernment said Wednesday a 29-

year-old Armenian activist was

responsible for last Friday's bomb

attack at Orly Airport which killed

six people and wounded 56 others.

Government spokesman vlax

nding about 60.

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Royal Automobile Club. Jabal Amman. Eighth Circle, Tel. ×15261.

#### **CHURCHES**

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JORDAN TELEVISION \*

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## Jordan has very high proportion of students, ministry study says

cent of Jordan's 2.15 million popniation are students at schools. community colleges and universities, the Education Ministry's Secretary General Abdul Latif Arabiyat said Tuesday. He said there are nearly \$50,000 students in Jordan, which is among the highest rates in the world.

Speaking in a panel discussion broadcast by Radio Jordan Tuesday. Dr. Arabiyat said that the ministry of education will this year reduce the number of academic students by 30 per cent and increase vocational training.

This step is also necessary to coordinate the channelling of students to university education, specially to medical and engineering sciences, because of the big number of students studying these subjects here and abroad. Dr. Ara-

He added that the ministry will. Bank; 24(1) work in the East Bank drastically reduce the number of scholarships in medicine because there is already a great number of doctors in Jordan

Secondary school students in Jordan last year numbered 100,000 and this year the number is expected to reach 119,000, but academic students in the country constitute 90 per cent of the total number of Jordan students. Dr. Arabiyat said.

#### Too many doctors

Dr. Hassan Khreis, president of the Jordanian Medical Association who took part in the discussion said that the past three years witnessed an enormous increase in the number of physicians in the country. There were 4,365 registered doctors, of whom 54X now work in the occupied West

while the rest work abroad, Dr.

He said the presence of such a large big number of doctors in Jordan calls for a re-examination of medical education in the country since many of the newly graduated doctors are unemployed.

Despite the great number of doctors in Jordan there is a shortage in the number of specialists in fields such as forensic medicine. sports medicine, occupational health, contagious diseases, rheumatism, gynaecology, malnutrition and paediatrics, Dr. Khreis said.

With reference to Jordanians studying abroad. Dr. Khreis said there are about 61,000 of them of whom 8.000 study medicine in addition to the 550 medical stu-

#### Zarqa site for defence centre pare the project's designs and

Defence Department (CDD), the Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA) and the Jordan Petroleum Refinery Company (JPRC) will cooperate to set up a civil defence centre at the industrial zone in Zarqa, under the terms of an agreement signed at the CDD Wed-

Under the agreement, the centre will be built half-way between the JPRC and the thermal power station in Zarqa on a 10-dunum plot of land assigned by the CDD and offered by the Jordanian Armed Forces.

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reasingly key country in Middle

interest in trade with Jordan, A high level trade mission led by

Prince Albert visited Amman in viay. The Belgian banks have ext-

ended a 2.5 million Belgian franc

credit line for purchases of Bel-

gian capital goods. Jordan has

proved a good market for Belgian

exporters overtaking more tra-

Morocco and Syria in the last two

years. Exports more than doubled

from 1.6(H) million Belgian francs

in 1980 to 3,800 million Belgian

francs in 1981. They remained at

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1982. Main items are textiles.

chemicals, machinery, metal pro-

ducts, transport equipment and

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ditional markets such as Tunisia.

Belgium is also taking a keen

East politics.

share the cost of establishing the centre by paying JD 50,000 each and if more funds are needed they will have to be raised from local factories, the agreement sti-

For its part, the CDD which will take charge of the operations of centre and will be supplying the necessary equipment.

According to the agreement. JPRC will organise the collection of funds and take charge of handling accounts, contractors and other parties that will be involved in the project, and will also pre-

Prince urges Europe to refocus attention

musical instruments. Imports

from Jordan are still small at 321

million Belgian francs in 1982, up

from 360 million in 1981 and 134

with EEC Commission President

Gaston Thorn on the political sit-

uation in the Middle East and

EEC Development Com-

missioner Edgard Pisani regarding

EEC-Jordan economic coo-

peration. A high-level Jordanian

team including National Planning

Council President Hanna Odeh.

Agricultural Credit Corporation

President Sami Sunna Jordan

Electricity Authority Director

Hisham Khatib. University of

Yarmouk President Adnan Bad-

ran and Industrial Development

which has had to undergo some

Prince Hassan also had talks

million in 1979.

announce the tender. All three departments will soon set up a joint committee to evaluate the bids before awarding the

project to the contractors. At the signing ceremony. CDD Director Khaled Al Tarawneh said that the centre is "vital" for the great number of factories and industries in its neighbourhood.' The cost of the project's designs

will be nearly JD 7,000, he said. The agreement was signed by Mr. Tarawneh, JEA Director Hisham Al Khatib and JPRC Director Sa'd Al Tal.

modifications due to the fall in

Arab aid and slackening of trade

Ambitious programme

goal of making Jordan a service

and transit centre for the Middle

East. Jordan would like to develop

complementary economic activity

to that of the EEC, providing med-

ium and high technology industry

and services and maintenance for

European products sold to the

Gulf region. In particular Jor-

danian planners are looking to

provide jobs for the new gen-

eration of graduates coming on

the job market, he said. With the

fall in oil revenues in the Arab oil

ditionally has had to export many

Prince Hassan said Jordan

wants more joint ventures and transfer of technology coo-peration with the EEC. These

areas already feature strongly in

the EEC's aid programme for Jor-

dan but the majority of aid credits

so far have gone to energy inf-

rastructure, he said. The EEC has

helped set up the Engineering

Faculty of the University of Jor-

dan in Amman and the Science

Faculty at the University of Yar-

mouk. It has also lent to the Ind-

ustrial Development Bank (IDB)

for joint venture promotion and to

the IDB's small industries pro-

Thirty two million of the 44 mil-

of its skilled workers.

Prince Hassan explained his

with Iraq.

Bank Director Ziad Annab gave a countries employment opp-

progress report on Jordan's ortunities there will be less in fur-

1981-1985 development plan ure, he added. Jordan tra-

## Regent leads King Abdullah's anniversary

AMMAN (J.T.) - Wednesday marked the 32nd anniversary of the death of King Abdullah Ibn Al Hussein, the grandfather of His Majesty King Hussein.

On the anniversary. His Highness Prince Abdullah Ibn Al Hussein. the Regent. accompanied by several members of the royal family, visited the late King's tomb where he recited verses from the Holy Koran and laid a wreath. Prince Abdullah was also accompanied by Chief of the Royal Court Ahmad Al Lawzi... Court Minister Amer Khammash and Chief Chamberlain Prince

Ra'd Ibn Zaid. Also visiting the tomb Wednesday were: Acting Prime Minister and Minister of Information Adnan Abu Odeh. cabinet members, speaker of the Senate Ahmad Al Tarawneh, the deputy speaker of the National Consultative Council (NCC). council members, the Islamic chief justice. the Army Chief of Staff Fathi Abu Taleb. senior army officers. Amman Mayor Abdul Ra'ouf Al Rawabdeh, and the directors of public security, intelligence and

civil defence. Other visitors included the commander and senior officers of the King Abdullah Ibn Al Hussein Brigade who made speeches on the anniversary pledging to remain faithful to the principles of the Great Arab Revolt and the Hashemite Family.

lion European Currency Unit

(ECU) aid package which came

into effect on Jan. 1, 1983 has alr-

eady been committed. EEC off-

icia say. This involves a five mil-

lion ECU European Investment

Bank (EIB) loan to IDB and an

EEC soft loan of 1.5 million ECU

to the small industries pro-

gramme. A loan agreement for 6.5

million ECU was signed with the

EIB during Prince Hassan's visit.

approved by the EEC recently and

the Jordanian Ministry of Tourism

sultant. The five-month study will

cover short and long term pri-

orities for planning and mar-

keting. This autumn the EEC exp-

ects to approve aid for a secondary

school specialising in industrial

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country, since it is a country (Isr-

ael) that came to Lebanon by

force and which should not seek

concessions or conditions which

With reference to other foreign

troops in Lebanon Mr. Bhandari

said that the presence of Syrian and the Palestinian troops "is dif-

ferent from the Israeli presence.

for they came by agreement, whe-

reas the Israelis are there by

Asked whether India has med-

cannot be given."

India exchanges views

Credits for a tourism study were

currently selecting the con-

# Jordan, Spain sign culture pact



The Ministry of Education's Secretary-General Abdul Latif Arabiyat, (third from right) and the Spanish ambassador to Jordan, Luis de Pedroso

told to speed up work

(third from left) sign a bilateral cultural exchange agreement in Amman (Petra photo)

#### Passport dept. workers Chinese envoy

AVIMAN (J.F.) - The passport artment's Director Mohammad Department has issued ins- Al (Judah in an interview with tructions to its employees to carry on with their duties after office hours with the purpose of completing passport procedures for citizens who submit their applications during office hours of any given day.

#### This was announced by the dep-Lebanon raps Israeli scheme

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eived no request from the government of Lebanon to expand the multinational force and it would be premature to speculate.'

President Gemayel told members of the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee Wednesday that American prestige could suffer if its efforts to bring peace to Leb-anon do not bear fruit.

"American clut and status as a negotiator will suffer in the eyes of the people of the Middle East if they conclude U.S. sponsorship does not really deliver or produce results," Mr. Gemayel said at a breakfast gathering.

eration Organisation (PLO) and

Syria. or within the different fac-

tions within the PLO. vir. Bha-

ndari said that "we cannot be med-

iators amongst brothers, we have

only been expressing our sincere

desire and hope that these internal

differences will be resolved and

the differences within the PLO. and between the PLO and Syria

especially at this critical stage will

only damage the ultimate cause

On India's attitude towards the

Iran-Iraq war, Mr. Bhandari poi-

nted out that India is a "friend of

both countries" and both cou-

ntries are members of the Non-

Vir. Bhandari went on to say

that the war is weakening both

countries and "it is contributing

adversely to peace and stability in

to leave for Saudi Arabia Thu-

rsday, will also visit Algeria and

His meeting in Amman with

Prince Abdullah was attended by

Acting Prime Minister and Inf-

ormation Minister Adnan Abu Odeh, Royal Court Chief Ahmad

Al Lawzi. Acting Foreign Minister

Walid Al Tash and Indian Amb-

assador to Jordan Pyare Lal-

Later Wednesday. Mr. Santoshi

hosted a reception in honour of

the Indian envoy.

and objective."

the region.

Aligned Movement.

efforts to end the war."

Mr. Bhandari emphasised that

that Arab unity will prevail."

#### Al ()udah in an interview with Jordan Television Tuesday eve-

He said the department Monday issued a total of \$20 passports and completed work on the papers

Ar. Qudah appealed to all citizens to submit applications for passports before June of each year so as to allow for expatriates and those wishing to perform the Haj pilgrimage to apply for new passports or renewals when they come during the summer.

There is no reason for any passport not to be issued in one single day if the applicant has completed the forms and submitted all the required documents. Mr. Qudah

#### 3-week AWSA course starts

AMMAN (Petra) - A threeweek training course on the maintenance and operation of pneumatic compressors at water pumping stations and wastewater treatment plants will open here Saturday.

The course will be held at the vocational centre of the Amman Water and Sewerage Authority (AWSA) and will be attended by a team of AWSA technicians who will receive theoretical and practical training on pneumatic com pressors and their function.

An AWSA spokesman said that the course is designed to improve the technicians' skills and impart to them more technical information on operating the compressors.

The course is bound to increase the team's range of capabilities and improve their level of per-

formance, the spokesman said.

# presents books

IRBID (Petra) - China's ambassador to Jordan Huang Shi Wednesday presented varmouk University with a collection of books on different subjects during a visit to the University.

held talks with university President Adnan Badran on cooperation between Yarmouk University, and Chinese universities in cultural, scientific and educational affairs.

During the meeting, Dr. Badran spoke on the university's development, its programmes and that the university's programmes reflect Jordan's cultural and scientific progress.

At the end of the visit, Dr. Badran presented the ambassador with the university's shield.

Spain Wednesday signed an agreement on the implementation of a bilateral cultural accord signed in 1971

Under the agreement, which will be effective until 1986, both countries undertake to encourage cooperation between Jordanian

and Spanish cultural institutions. Spain will grant Jordan 12 scholarships annually for Spanish universities against three for Spanish students to study at Jordanian universities. Both countries will encourage and arrange the exchange of visits by educational specialists, as well as exchanges of university professors and scholars to conduct research in Arabic and Islamic studies, and the exchange of publications on scientific, educational and cultural affairs.

Both countries will also undertake to encourage exhibitions and the exchange of visits by artists, writers and cultural delegations.

Also agreed upon is the cooperation in archaeological excavations in Jordan. Spanish archaeological team will be offered facilities for conducting digs at the ancient Citadel in Amman. Al Qastal Mosque and palace along the Desert Highway; and they will be expected to assist in the restoration of the Roman city of Jerash in addition to conducting repair work on the trescoes found in

Amra castle, Petra and Al Baida. The Jordanian and Spanish antiguities departments will also coo-The ambassador afterwards perate in publishing reports on these archaeological digs. in Arabic and Spanish.

Also included in this cultural agenda is the cooperation in the information field, by exchanging publications, radio and television material and visits by information officials. They will also cooperate in sports fields and facilitate bilobjectives. The ambassador said ateral visits to Jordan and Spain by athletes from both countries.

The agreement was signed by the Ministry of Education's Secretary-General Abdul Latif Arabivat and Spain's ambassador to Jordan Luis De Pedroso.

#### 1st stage of water project to cost nearly JD 45m

AMMAN (Petra) - The Jordan now until the year 2000. Valley Authority (JVA) is currently implementing a water proiect in the Amman Governorate. the first stages of which will cost nearly JD 45 million, JVA Acting

President Munzer Haddadin said. He said in an interview with Amman and Balqa Governorates require nearly 160 million cubic metres of water and Irbid Gov-

Underground water resources around Amman and Azraq, and

the waters of Yarmouk River and Wadi Al Arab lake are sufficient for these needs until 1987 only. But new projects will be imp-

Jordan Television that the lemented afterwards for drawing more water for Amman and Balqa Jordan Valley region. Dr. Hadernorate needs 40 million from dadin said.

#### School texts to be expanded

AMMAN (Petra) - Subjects dealing with environmental problems and ways of combating pollution will be included in Jordan's school textbooks according to a decision taken by the Educational Council

here Wednesday.
The council, with Education Minister Said Al Tal as chairman.

said that these subjects will be included in science books for the compulsory and secondary stages.

A working paper on the subject has suggested teaching subjects related to pollution, desertification and the extinction of certain animal species.

## Last of food poisoning victims leave hospital

50 people who were taken ill because of food poisoning earlier this week have now left Al Bashir hospital after treatment. Dr. Suliman Oub'ain, the director of the Health Ministry's basic health services said.

He said that a team of specialists "India," he said. "like all other has been set up to investigate the countries will exert all possible Mr. Bhandari, who is scheduled

causes of food poisoning which occurred on Sunday and Monday results by Wednesday.

AMMAN (J.T.) - The last of the at Al Talibyeh refugee camp. The victims, including 16 children. had suffered symptoms of vomiting and diarrhoea, but Hea-Ith Ministry officials said that they were certain that the symptoms did not indicate other diseases. Samples of foodstuffs, water and the patients stools were taken for laboratory tests, but the Health Ministry had not produced the

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#### Modernisation plan for Aqaba on the boards

AQABA (J.T.) - Ways for developing and modernising marine transport operations in the Gulf of Agaba and improving the standard of services by the Agaba port were discussed here Wednesday by the Jordanian Ports Corporation Board at a meeting chaired by Transport Minister Ali Suheimat.

The board members earlier made an inspection tour of the port's installations and were briefed on the operations going on there. They also visited the port storage yards and inspected storage procedures.

The minister is scheduled Thursday to inaugurate projects included in the ministry's current five-year development plan. These include a JD 22-million quay, built especially for loading phosphates and potash products, a dry dock which cost nearly JD 1.6 million and warehouses for storing potash products which cost JD 18 million

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#### The turning point

WHEN Israel implements its decision, taken by the Begin government on Wednesday, to withdraw its troops from Lebanon's Shouf mountains and south of the capital, it will be one of the few occasions on which Israel was forced to withdraw from occupied Arab territories under military pressure. This occasion would be unique in that it would be Arab resistance groups, rather than regular armies, who could and did snatch such an undeniable victory.

Unfortunately, though, the matter is not that simple. Israel would still possess the strength to turn its forced withdrawal from parts of Lebanese territory it now occupies into a permanent occupation of the South of Lebanon, which, given Israel's history, it would no doubt do.

The Israeli decision to redeploy in Lebanon therefore presents the Arabs with a dilemma that is not easy to solve. But not only the Arabs would suffer.

The United States, with its avowed aim of removing all foreign forces from every inch of Lebanese territory, stands to lose a lot from a divided Lebanon. We have already seen how a reclusive Begin could bounce back, literally overnight, to tell the U.S. president that he is in no mood to visit and talk with him on complete withdrawals, and that in the end Israel does what it wants, regardless of U.S. wishes and interests.

Sure enough, Washington stands to lose morally and in credibility if it cannot convince Israel to leave Lebanon. But do Americans really care, especially when they can blame their failures on Syrian "rejectionism" and Arab "obstructionism"? If they do, the Americans should perhaps explain to us what went wrong with Israel for that state to take a unilateral decision to redeploy in Lebanon. The Lebanese president is currently in Washington, and he would listen for us. Short of that, should or say?

#### ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

#### Al Ra'i: No grounds for optimism

PRESIDENT AMIN Gemayel of Lebanon Tuesday expressed his optimism for a speedy withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon but he did not disclose the reasons behind this optimism. In fact there is a contradiction between this optimism and Israel's attitude over the

Two most significant aspects of Israel's attitude are Prime Minister Menachem Begin's sudden decision to postpone his visit to the United States to discuss with President Reagan the issue of troops withdrawal in Lebanon, and recent statements by Israeli officials about the imminent redeployment of Israeli forces inside Lebanon.

The Israeli attitude by no means indicates that Israel intends to withdraw its forces from Lebanon in the foresecable future, at least. Begin has postponed his visit to the United States in order, to avoid sitting face to face with President Reagan to discuss the issue. The redeployment of Israeli forces in Lebanon can only stress this fact. The contradiction is therefore clear and there is no room for optimism. President Gemayel's mission in the United States is bound to be very sensitive and rather difficult.

The Israeli attitude has now placed on President Reagan the task of proving U.S. credibility through the handling of the Lebanese

#### Al Dustour: Reflection of King's concern

KING HUSSEIN'S meeting with President Gemayel of Lebanon in southern France Monday evening reflects King Hussein's concern over ensuring Lebanon's unity and independence. It also displays Jordan's constructive national role to enable brother Lebanese to overcome the current crisis and confront the Israeli occupation.

No doubt the outcome of this meeting and King Hussein's efforts will contribute most effectively in putting an end to the fighting among Lebanese factions and unifying their efforts towards regaining their land that is now under Israeli occupation.

King Hussein's concern over the situation in Lebanon and his interest in preserving its sovereignty and territorial integrity were exhibited before the present Lebanese crisis. He has always believed in the importance of Lebanon in the eastern front and had been aware of the extent of damage that might be inflicted on the region if Lebanon was to be exposed to any Israeli aggression that might result in cutting off Lebanon from the rest of the Arab Nation.

During the Lebanon civil war and Israel's invasion of that country. King Hussein was prompt in rallying Arab leaders for stopping the bloodshed and ending the invasion.

Jordan's attitude vis-a-vis Lebanon stems from its well-known national principles of supporting any Arab state that might fall victim to any foreign aggression.

#### Sawt, Al Shaab: Anniversary of a martyr

ON'THE 32nd anniversary of King Abdullah Ibn Al Hussein's death in Arab Jerusalem. Jordanians remember a great man who fell as a martyr in defence of Arab rights in Palestine. King Abdullah who was trying to achieve for his nation unity and freedom was regarded by Zionists as their prime enemy because he realised their expansionist aims in the Arab World and actually presented an obstacle in ach-

icving their goals. His assassination in the Aqsa Mosque in 1951 was only a link in the conspiracy against Palestine and its people. King Abdullah died as a martyr after struggling desperately to preserve the Arab Nution's unity in implementation of the principles of the Great Arab Revolt outlined by his father Al Hussein Ibn Ali.

King Abdullah who believed in the unity and freedom of the Arabs established the Jordanian Kingdom on a true basis of democracy which has served as the country's national constitution both for the ruler and the people.

# Behind the 'Socialist' face of Assad's Syria

By Eric Rouleau

Hafez Assad, ordinary Syrians have been scrupulously kept away from the site.

ernment has always preferred to keep people in the dark. speculation naturally tends to run wild. It is rumoured that the building is not so much a palace as a formidable fortress, where the president and his entourage intend to entrench themselves, protected by armed troops, heavy artillery, and anti-aircraft guns. It is claimed that a system of underground passages and a heliport have been installed to provide escape routes in case of siege.

After a discreet visit to the site. I am able to correct that fanciful mage. True, the People's Palace does not bear much resemblance. to the Elysee, the White House or indeed the Kremlin. Nor would one expect it to, in view of the type of regime Syria enjoys, the powers President Assad has given himself. his character, and the fact that the country has been on a war footing for the last 35 years.

The whole design of the building, its architectural style, and its location reflect a military notion of government. The presidential complex, which consists of four buildings, is perched like an eyrie on a strategically located spur. The view from the top, which overlooks the intersection of three main highways, one leading to Lebanon, another to the Israelioccupied Golan Heights, and a third to the airport, can only be described as breathtaking. When the president moves in, he will have the whole capital. Damascus. and its out skirts spread out before

One of the buildings, the least imposing of the four, will house Mr. Assad's private apartments. which are surprisingly modest in scale. Upstairs there are five smallish bedrooms (where he will live with his wife and children), some tiny bathrooms, a boudoir, a study and a gymnasium, all with bay windows, while on the ground floor there is a huge fountain-

DAMASCUS - Ever since work filled patio surrounded by a drabegan, three years ago, on the wing room, a dining area and sev-People's Palace, future hea- eral other rooms, two of which are dquarters of Syrian President designed for film projections and video shows.

The relative simplicity of Mr. Assad's living quarters contrasts In a country where the gov- strongly with the pharaonic splendour of the presidential palace itself: Both its enormous size and its design are in keeping with the Pan-Arab ambitions of the president, who first began his career as a Ba'ath Party militant in ado-

> The visitor, after entering the building through a portal that would not disgrace a cathedral. walking past proud colonnades and climbing a monumental staircase, finds himself in a sumptuous complex of vast rooms intended for ceremonies, receptions, banquets (up to 1,000 guests), and shows (there is an amphitheatre): the offices of the president and his closest advisers are on the first floor. The decoration will, I was told, be a harmonious blend of functional design. Andalusian arabesques and traditional Syrian marquetry.

The two other buildings demonstrate the breadth of the prerogatives enjoyed by Mr. Assad. One of them will house his special advisers, who are in charge of liasing with ministers. It will be used for meetings by the council of ministers, by the leaders of the Ba'ath Party and of the National Progressive Front (the coalition of parties theoretically in power in Syria), and, possibly by the army high command; all such meetings will of course be chaired by the 'supreme head of the nation".

The fourth building making up the complex, which is being constructed on a nearby hill, is the 'guests' palace". It is designed to accommodate up to four head of state along with their suites. It hardly needs pointing out that foreign policy, too, is President

Assad's prerogative. There are no secret tunnels through which the occupants of the fortress" may escape. But a concrete plaiform has been built to act as a heliport, and a shelter is planned for deep in the hillside -hardly surprising when you rem-

ember that the palace is within range of Israeli artillery only 20 kilometres away. There are also plans to demolish the notorious Mezze prison, whose forbidding outline can be seen from the palace. Its inmates will be transferred

Political power in Syria mirrors the People's Palace. The constitution states that "the Syrian republic is a democratic, socialist and people's republic", and then goes on to guarantee every form of individual and collective liberty; but most of those liberties have been suspended under the equally

legal" provisions of martial law. The head of state is entitled to decree exceptional measures when "national unity or the security and independence of national territory, is seriously threatened". Syria is, of course, threatened from outside by Israel. and from within by "counterrevolutionaries" (the Muslim Brotherhood). Martial law. introduced exactly 20 years ago when the Ba'ath Party came to power, has been in force ever since. Hence the arbitrary. excessive and occassionally criminal nature of acts committed -- "in

the national interest". The mass media are subject to a censorship so draconian it is comical. Foreign publications, the import of which has for the last year been government-controlled. are often banned for fatuous reasons. Freedom of expression has been virtually abolished, though the regime usually bears with criticism when it is made in private. Intimidation is clearly thought

to be a more effective weapon than downright terror. New identity cards are issued to people only after they have undergone a thorough police investigation. Secret service-men (mukhabarat) are ubiquitous in the civil service, schools, universities, trade unions and political parties. Under martial law. the police are entitled to carry out preventive arrests and keep peo-

etimes executed).

ple in custody for indeterminate periods (during which, according to Amnesty International, they are frequently tortured and som-

A very large number of people People's Council (parliament) and have been rounded up for questioning since the beginning of the year: according to one estimate, it runs to 2,000 or 3,000 suspects. almost all of them members of the Muslim Brotherhood, but with a sprinkling of Ba'athists. Nasserites and dissident Communists. The number of political prisoners has still not been established for certain, but it is rumoured to be The other coalition parties have between 5.000 and 10.000. And of course no one has forgotten the thousands of deaths caused by the

ising in February 1982. It is true that the Muslim Brotherhood has given the government a number of arguments to justify its repressive measures. It has been waging an urban guerrilla war for the last seven years. and its bomb attacks, murders. and summary executions have resulted in the deaths of several thousand people, ranging from ordinary citizens to senior government and party officials, judges. teachers and loyalist sheikhs.

ruthless crushing of the Hama upr-

But it is equally true that the government has taken advantage of that state of affairs to beef up its security forces. The regular army. the "defence brigades" (headed by the president's brother, Rifaat Assad). General Ali Haydar's special units, the gendarmerie, the militia set up by the Ba ath Party. and the workers' farmers and students' unions have all combined forces to keep the country under a very tight rein.

It is impossible to travel anywhere in Syria without running into one or other of the abovementioned forces. Uniformed or plain-clothes personnel brandishing machine guns stand guard in front of airports. government offices, radio and television buildings. universities. party headquarters, and the private homes of important members of the regime. On highways and city approaches, as well as in the centre of town they frisk and check the identity of anyone they

All this military surveillance goes hand in hand with political regimentation, plus a little democratic window-dressing. The

the governing coalition, the National Progressive Front, which includes the Ba'ath Party and four other parties, do no more than rubber-stamp decisions taken elsewhere. Only the Ba'ath Party is allowed to be active in the army and in schools, to have branches throughout the country, or to pub-

to content themselves with distributing their publications through unofficial channels, and criticising this or that minor aspect of domestic policy -- any mention of foreign affairs is taboo. The Ba'ath Party's main coalition partner, the Syrian Communist Party. denounced the parasitical caphalism" kept alive by the government and called for an "extension of liberties". Its outburst was characteristically rewarded two years ago: although the party got a total of 150 000 votes at the general elections, "chance" would have it that no Communist candidate succeeded in actually getting elected to parliament.

After striking in support of a petition that demanded the lifting of martial law and the reintroduction of civil liberties. certain professional association (lawyers, engineers, doctors, chemists. and writers) were suddenly told in March 1980 that most of their leaders had-been arrested. The associations in question were then placed under the supervision of the Ba'ath Party, which also controls workers' and farmers' unions as well as several students' and vomen's associations.

The most sophisticated feature of this whole process of bringing the population to heel is to be found in the Ba'ath Party's brand of "socialism". True, State control of the economy has had undeniably positive results. It has speeded up the process of development within the framework of national sovereignty, swept away the feudal classes and the big industrial tycoons (though their place has since been taken by a much more grasping "new bourgeoisie"), and provided numerous social benefits for the underprivileged classes.

Yet the fact remains that behind the bounteous mask of the welfare state there lurks a "big boss" MEC. Some four million Syriams -about 40 per cent of the population -- are government employed, not to speak of the millions of farmers and their families who depend indirectly on the government in order to sell and murket their produce. In the circumstances, it is easy to integine the degree of leverage that the

government can exert. Here are just two examples of how it can act, both of them previded for by the law. A civil sesvant may be dismissed for committing a "serious profes misdemeanour" (the decision as to what exactly constitutes such a misdemeanour is left to his superiors), but, more importantly, be is also liable to a three-year prison sentence if he resigns from his job without formal permission from the ministry that employs him. Similarly, any citizen of military age is a reservist and can be called up at any time and for an indefinite period, whatever his income, job or family tesponsibilities. Refusal to obey the mobilisation order is punishable by anything from two months to

seven years in prison. The combined effect of martial law and sedition by Islamic exremists has been to militarise Syrian society to such an extent that democratic institutions, including even the Ba'ath Party, are now latle more than a fig leaf. The azury. which, according to the constitution, is responsible for defending Syrian territory and upholding the aims of the revolution. has gradually replaced gov-ernment bodies in a number of spheres, in particular internal security, education, economic planning, and trade (both licit and illicit), thus providing support and complicity -- for a very weathy section of the population whose business dealings could hardly be described as principled. President Assad is well and truly in the saddle. But the Peoole's Palace he is building for him-

self will also belong very much to

his generals.

-- Le Monde



# Moscow neutral over PLO dispute

By Mark Wood

MOSCOW - The Soviet Union has refused to be drawn into the dispute within the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and appears to be placing a priority on

Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko told senior PLO official Farouk Kaddoumi the Kremlin was not prepared to take sides between the PLO's warring factions or to mediate with Damascus, according to informed Arab sources.

preserving its good ties with Syria.

An official Soviet account of the meeting also stressed that Mr. Gromyko spent most of his time calling for unity within the Palestinian movement and insisting the PLO should sort out its own internal wrangles quickly and without bloodshed.

The cool reception given to Mr. Kaddoumi was meant as a signal to PLO Chief Yasser Arafat that Moscow was not prepared to bolster his weakened position. Westem diplomats specialising in Middle Eastern affairs said.

It also showed that Moscow's friction with Syria, its only major ally in the region, they said.

The visit by Mr. Kaddoumi, the PLO's "foreign minister". had originally been intended to pre- ders now wanted to keep Mr. Arapare for talks in Moscow by Mr. fat at arm's length,

Arafat later in the week.

The PLO chief announced he

was calling off the trip and Western and Middle Eastern dip-lomats in the Soviet capital said they believed his decision may have followed signals from Moscow that he has not welcome at this time.

PLO officials had made clear that Arafat planned to appeal to opposed U.S.-backed efforts to the Kremlin to put pressure on achieve a Middle East peace thr-Syria so that it would soften its attitude towards him.

Syria expelled Mr. Arafat last month, and the PLO chief accused Damascus of fuelling the dispute within his Fatch organisation by backing his hardline opponents. He has since said he wants to patch up the quarrel with President Hafez Assad.

Soviet Leader Yuri Andropov sent messages of support to Mr. Arafat at the beginning of June after fighting broke out between PLO groups in Lebanon, but Western diplomats say they believe the Kremlin has since adopted a more neutral stand.

There was evidence of this in the report on the Gromyko-Kaddoumi talks by the official Tass news agency, which made no overriding goal was to avoid any mention of Mr. Arafat by name in passages covering Soviet calls for a unified PLO.

The diplomats said there could be several reasons why Soviet lea-

The Kremlin could feel his position was still not secure and would not want to be seen as siding with him too closely in case he was subsequently toppled, they said.

Most analysts believe Moscow would be relieved to see Mr. Arafat replaced by a more hardline The Soviet Union has strongly

ough separate agreements, and officials privately attacked Mr. Arafat's appraoch to U.S. President Ronald Reagan's proposals of Sept. 1.

Some Western analysts say that although Moscow resents Washington's enormous influence in the region, it believes direct U.S. involvement as negotiator and peacekeeper could one day backfire and that it is better to stay slightly aloof.

Moscow's formula for a Middle East settlement is that a general peace agreement should be drawn up at an international conference chaired by the United States and the Soviet Union, and that these two powers should subsequently act as guarantors.

Syria, which has seceived massive infusions of Soviet weaponry since last year's fighting in Lebanon, stands firmly behind this

Most other Arab states are lukewarm, and states like Saudi Arabia are opposed to a settlement which would give Moscow greater influence and a peacekeeping

Although Moscow's main att-ention in the Middle East has been focussed on Syria, there are signs the new leadership under President Andropov is attempting to broaden its influence.

Relations with Egypt, which plummeted when former President Anwar Sadat threw out Soviet advisers a decade ago, are now on the mend. Middle Eastern sources in Moscow said the Soviet Union was offering economic assistance on generous terms.

The sources said the Kremlin had also made new soundings on the chances of establishing diplomatic ties with Saudi Arabia. In the past few days the Soviet

media have also given strong endorsement to the Libyan-backed rebel forces attempting to overthrow the government in Chad.

Moscow is normally reticent to give open backing to forces chalienging a recognised and legitimate government, and diplomats said its unusual behvaiour over Chad suggested it was trying to gain favour with Libyan Leader Muammar Qadhafi. "The present Soviet policy advisers.

seems to be to get a few friends lined up so that they are ready to play a bigger role if the Americans fail completely in their peacemaking attempts." one commented.

# Reagan does to Hinton what El Salvador's left, right failed to do

By Robert Block Reuter

SAN SALVADOR - Washington's outspoken Ambassador Deane Hinton has left his post in El Salvador after two years, denying charges from both extreme right and left that he was dictating policy to the Salvadorean government.

Mr. Hinton left El Salvador on Friday in a general reshuffle of President Reagan's team of Central American advisers. Às ambassador he had presided over an unprecedented growth in U.S. aid, influence and military involvement in Latin America.

He took up the post in June 1981, when El Savlador's leftist guerrillas were gaining strength in the civil war which had broken out

nearly 18 months before. The country's armed forces were plagued by inefficiency and infighting and annual U.S. aid was less than \$75 million.

Since then, the army has become more efficient and U.S. military and economic aid to El Salvador this fiscal year was \$531.6 million, political and diplomatic sources said.

They said pressure which Mr. Hinton put on the Salvadorean government and military was an important factor in the changes.

But many Salvadoreans began to grumble that Mr. Hinton's infinence was too great. He was handing out political

orders rather than advising the Salvadorean government and army, they complained. Criticism mounted after he

nade a speech here last October in which he attacked the country's legal system and human rights record and said that rightist "guerrillas" were as much a menace to stability as rebels on the left. The civil war has so far killed

about 42,000 people. Mr. Hinton has denied he was acting as an American "proconsul". In his final speech as

ambassador before the American Chamber of Commerce last week he said his greatest frustration was his failure to "see justice done to the killers of my fellow citizens". referring to the murder in El Salvador of four U.S. churchwomen and two American agricultural

He condemned the goverament's failure to climinate what he termed "extra-legal" vio-

U.S. officials say the 60-

year-old envoy has been rep-rimanded by the administration for his outspokenness and that this was one of the reasons for his

removal as ambassador. But Albert Schaufelberger, the U.S. military adviser shot dead by guerrillas in May, told reporters shortly before his death: "I don't think there is anyone in the United States government who has a greater grasp of the realities of El Salvador (than Hinton)... I think it would be a mistake to change horses now."

In his speech before the American Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Hinton wanted the Reagan administration against trying to impose U.S. standards on El Salvador. Mr. Reagan has said a leftist vic-

tory in El Salvador, or anywhere in Central America, could threaten U.S. security. Mr. Hinton said: "We North Americans could make no bigger mistake than to think of El Sal-

vador as just a Spanish-speaking equivalent of our own country. "We will fail if we simply try to impose our standards without at least trying to adapt them to markedly different circumstances. Yet the tendency to do so is at times almost irresistible."

He was chosen by President Reagan to replace President Carter's ambassador to El Salvador. Robert White. Officials say the Reagan administration considered Mr. White was weak.

Mr. Hinton came to be seen by many here as the U.S. bearer of the Reagan administration's hard-line anti-Communist policy. But after a time his views and statements seemed to clash with

those of Washington. "He did not get soft, he got wise," said a political analyst at a Salvadorean university.

He said Mr. Hinton came to the conclusion that the real problem of the country is the extreme right and that as long as it exists so will the left".

American officials here and in Washington have said Mr. Flinton was removed under pressure from U.S. Security Adviser William Clark and Ambassador to the Uni-

ted Nations Jeane Kirkpatrick. These increasingly influential advisers to Mr. Reagan wanted someone in El Savlador whose views would comply easily with those of the White House, the off-

icials said. . The man chosen to replace Mr. Hinton is Thomas Pickering, a former ambassador to Nigeria.

'Look back to Hiroshima before using nuclear weapons,' warns ICRC

# المكالم الأمل

Right, is the dramatic telegram to National Societies less than a account of the scene which confronted a delegate of the intemational Committee of the Red Cross on his arrival in Hiroshima after the dropping of the first ato-

mic bomb on Aug. 6. 1945. Thirty-eight years later larger and much more horrific weapons have been built and stockpiled in arsenals around the world, so that any future nuclear attack would have even more terrifying consequences.

Conventional warfare, itself an assault on human values and rightly condemned since 1945 by the United Nations Charter, still provides the opportunity for discrimination between combatants .and non-combatants: in comparison with nuclear conflict in which widespread extermination would probably be inevitable.

Successive International Red Cross Conferences have condemned weapons of mass destruction, and the ICRC in a letter month after Hiroshima warned that any future use of such weapons would irresistably lead to unlimited destruction.

On the arms issue, the ICRC comes down unequivocally in favour of general and complete disarmament, as it demonstrated in its support for this universally accepted aim at the First Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly on Disarmament in 1978. The ICRC requested that states establish the atmosphere of confidence and security that would allow the deadlock to be broken and an agreement on disarmament reached above par-

However, because of its completely neutral status, direct participation by the ICRC in negotiations to achieve the dismantlement of weapons of mass destruction is impossible. Such an involvement would require the institution to induce states to take

ticular interests.

steps they themselves do not view as appropriate. And if the ICRC's view happens to be contrary to even one state, it leaves itself open to the charge of taking sides.

For example, there are those who believe that a general and immediate nuclear disarmament is no longer possible, or that progress could be made only gradually by way of a freeze followed

by mutual or unilateral reduction. Some states believe mutual disarmament without an effective monitoring process would represent an even greater threat to Countries basing their defence

policy on the nuclear deterrent

claim the destruction of nuclear weapons would put them at a disadvantage with their potential adversaries holding a superiority in classical weapons. Therefore, because of the imp-

ortance of the issue to the security of states, only these states themselves can make proposals about is restricted to upholding the humanitarian necessity of nuclear disarmament being achieved, leaving the technical and political aspects of the issue to the states 'Hague Convention, affirms that

responsible. The ICRC's main concern in imited right to choose any means regard to nuclear weapons is that of injuring the enemy. This prithey are indiscriminate. One of neiple, which was reaffirmed in the essential principles of int- 1977 in Protocol I additional to emational humanitarian law is the the Geneva Conventions, contains necessary distinction between civ- both the prohibition of supilians and combatants, which is the erfluous injury or unnecessary suf-

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While there was a broad agreement at the Diplomatic Conference which drafted Protocol I that neither the Conference nor the Protocol itself would tackle the matter of nuclear, bacteriological or chemical weapons, there was a consensus that the pre-existing general principles were still valid and would remain

so for these weapons. Over and above these legal arguments, it remains a fact that the suffering and destruction inflicted by a nuclear conflict could never comply with the most basic humanitarian requirements.

Moreover, survivors of a nuclear attack would be denied any proper medical treatment. Several studies have been made on this subject and recently a committee of experts presented a document to the World Health Assembly in Geneva putting forth the grim assessment that the chances of vic-

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#### casualties from a nuclear wear." Escalation

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And more ominously, in calhypothetical situations, the experts warn that "the probability is very high that if nuclear weapons are employed in combat, there weapons in the nuclear arsenals and suffering, and the whole conwould be employed."

Faced with this ever growing threat to mankind, the Red Cross movement is committed more than ever before to promoting the cause of disarmament, but within its own sphere of competence. lts programme of action for

iscriminate means and methods of tims of a nuclear strike receiving peace, adopted in Bucharest in any medical attention at all are 1977, is based on the promotion of "next to nif". According to the activities through which men. women and children throughout the world may act to relieve ditions, the health services would human suffering both at home and abroad.

The ICRC, in particular, is working indirectly for peace through its worldwide relief and protection activities, guided by its principles of humanity, neutrality and impculating the consequences of three - artiality. It also contributes to the process by its efforts to have international humanitarian law app-

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cept of international humanitarian law would be called into question. The terrible threat of annihilation in a nuclear holocaust leaves us with no other choice but

to seek peaceful co-existence.

#### Antarctica By Lee Kimball

WASHINGTON - The future of Antarctica. which is half as big again as the United States and may contain rich reserves of oil and other minerals, could mushroom into a big international

issue over the next few months. While minerals experts from the 14 predominantly wealthy Antarctic Treaty powers, who have governed the frozen continent for the past 20 years, prepared to meet behind closed doors in West were busy collecting signatures from other Third World governments demanding that the issue be openly debated in the U.N. General Assembly, which convenes in September.

In March, the non-aligned states, meeting under Mrs. Gandh?'s presidency in New Delhi, called on the U.N. "to undertake a comprehensive study of Antarctica... with a view to widening intemational cooperation in the

This initiative has already persuaded the 14 treaty powers to throw open their next full-scale biennial conference, due in Canberra. Australia in September, to a further 13 governments which have acceded to the treaty but are nor ver fulf 'consultative' members. The newcomers, given observer status, include Brazil, Papua-New Guinea and China from the South, as well as Czechoslovakia. the Netherlands and Spain from

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The 14 consultative Antarctic Treaty powers, which now take all agreement is likely to be pre-

nay become international issue

decisions about the continent's sented to the rest of the world as a future, are widely known as the Antarctic Club. Seven of them have territorial claims on the polar continent. France. Australia Norway and New Zealand all accept one another's claims, while those of the U.K.. Chile and Argentina conflict. Another seven, which include the USA and USSR as well as West Germany, Japan, Poland. South Africa and Belgium, have no claims and do not

accept anyone else's. This year's meetings will test as Germany, Malaysian diplomats never before the strength and adaptability of the 1959 treaty. which has for over two decades kept Antarctica more-or-less demilitarised. pollution-free and dedicated to scientific research. But there have been increasing criticisms of the Antarctic Treaty practice of conducting all its bus-

iness behind a veil of secrecy. Environment groups in particular have challenged the treaty powers to publicly defend their record as custodians of Antarctica's unique environment. which makes a vital contribution

to global ecosystems. While the attendance in September of 13 new delegations may well mark a traumatic change for the treaty powers, others may well ask: "So what?" All the critical decisions will still be taken behind closed doors. The 14 consultative powers are still hurrying aliead to complete a separate series of negotitations on arrangements to regulate any mineral exploitation which the treaty powers consider acceptable. If they succeed, their fait accompli.

The invitation to the 13 'second-class' treaty members (Brazil, Bulgaria, China, Czechoslovakia. Denmark. East Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Peru, Papua New Guinea, Spain, Romania and Uruguay) to attend the biennial conference for the first time represents the opening manoeuvre in an intricate game of diplomatic chess likely to be played out over the next few years.

the international agenda. India.

But the consultative treaty up the system. powers have in the past always resisted any attempt to intrude on their role as self-appointed custodians of Antarctica. And there is a growing suspicion among Third World governments that they are scheming to appropriate for themselves Antarctica's mineral weathere, experts believe it could not \_\_13 countries going to Canberra as be commercially exploited until observers.

well after the turn of the century. Each side is now considering its next move. The consultative powers meet in Bonn in the third session of the minerals negotiations. Their twelfth biennial conference

will take place in Canberra, 13-27 September.

The treaty powers have their internal differences -- the Falklands/Malvinas war between the U.K. and Argentina is only the latest example. But this unlikely grouping of superpower and colonial states, plus two Third World nations and South Africa, has shown a remarkable ability over the years to close ranks against

outside interference. Meanwhile. Malaysia is gat-Antarctica is no newcomer to hering Third World signatures before the 12 August deadline for Sri Lanka and Peru have all raised putting Antarctica on the agenda the issue in recent years, but it has of the U.N. General Assembly. been largely ignored pending the which opens in New York on 20 conclusion of the 1982 Law of the, September. If the treaty powers Sea convention. Malaysia's new show a willingness to inform U.N. initiative raises the possibility of negotiations about progress in applying the "common heritage of their minerals negotiations. this mankind" concept to Antarctica's may help dispel suspicions about mineral resources, which might their intentions. The way the 13 then be exploited along the lines observer nations are treated by of the deal worked out for seabed the Antarctic Club in Canberra will affect further efforts to open

The Third World itself is by no means united on Antarctica. Chile and Argentina are full members of the club and have strongly-held territorial claims. Their influence has in the past helped stop other Latin American states from pressing for change. But Brazil. Uru-Ith - if it exists Exes if oil is femant/ - guray and Peru are now among the

China acceded to the treaty in June. The Chinese have participated in expeditions with other treaty nations.

-- Forthscan feature

# The 'spit and tell' guide to fertility

John Collier recounts the accidental discovery of a remarkable new method of birth control that satisfies religious and other objections to the pill and intra uterine devices.

PERTH. Western Australia -Nature, it seems, has its own codes when signalling fertility, but finding them and interpreting them is not easy. In the case of a remarkable discovery made by Dr. Peter Hartmann and postgraduate student Colin Prosser, it was entirely accidental.

It was 1980 and 22-year-old Colin was beginning his studies for a Ph.D in the Department of Bio-Chemistry at the University of Western Australia (UWA) and assisting Dr. Hartmann in his long-term study of the composition of breast milk. Dr. Hartmann's research to that point had led him to conclude that there was an element which caused chemical changes in the milk. He was aiming to isolate and identify it.

-- It was not exactly a new field of research, but Dr. Hartmann has decided to go into it in the greatest possible detail. "We were greatly helped by the fact that mothers in Western Australia continue breast-feeding their babies for much longer than anywhere else in the Western World." he said. Analysis of samples, compilation of figures and evaluation of the results -- all had to take their turn in the busy teaching schedule of Dr. Hartmann and the demanding study programme of Colin Prosser.

A turning point in the research came when they were evaluating the figures from one intensive sampling period. They had taken breast milk samples from six nursing mothers seven times a day for 30 days.

Mr. Prosser notice that glucose levels in the breast milk dropped dramatically five days before and six days after the donor's ovulation.

"Saliva is screted in much the same way as milk, so I then took samples of that and analysed them. I was astonished to find that the glucose levels changed at exactly the same time, but in the opposite direction," said Mr. Prosser.

Excitement in the laboratory grew as he and Dr. Hartmann checked and rechecked their calculation. Then they tested the saliva of women who were not breast-feeding and the glucose level graphs they drew from the results showed exactly the same speciacular peaks.

They had found and interpreted one of nature's fertility codes. Later, they found that a reagent used by diabetics for monitoring their blood glucose levels, although needing to be more sensitive, was suitable. The "spit and tell" method of birth control was making its debut.

The implications of the dis-

covery were considerable: - It could help prevent prenancy by alerting women to when was necessary for a contraceptive method to be used, or intercourse to be avoided altogether.

-- It could improve a woman's chances of becoming pregnant by indicating the best time to try for conception.

-- li was simple enough -- Saliva on a strip of card coated with a reagent to glucose effects a change of colour when the glucose level changes.

-- It contained a safety factor offered by no other method -- five days of warning of fertility peaks. (Sperm remains viable for three days after intercourse).

- It was entirely natural, thus overcoming all the religious and other objections to the Pill and other contraceptive devices.

Harimann and Prosser's tirst paper on the findings was published in 1982 and in April this year Dr. Hartmann was one of only three scientists from outside the United States to be invited to address the prestigious Federation of American Societies of Experimental Biology in Chicago.

Dr. Hartmann is a quietlyspoken and wryly humorous man not given to hyperbole, but even now he cannot suppress the jubilation in his tones when he recalls the buzz of excitement when he told the Chicago meeting about "spit and tell".

Colin Prosser has completed his studies at UWA and on June 25 presented his dissertation for his doctorate. He leaves Perth in August to take up a research post at the National Institute of Health in Washington D.C.

His name will continue to be linked with the discovery, and he will have a share in the equity as, the "spit and tell" birth control method is commercially exploited by a manufacturing company in

Dr. Hartmann too will have a share in that equity, but will continue to teach students in the Department of Bio-Chemistry, And the original aim of his research project remains -- to find the element which causes the chemical changes in breast milk.

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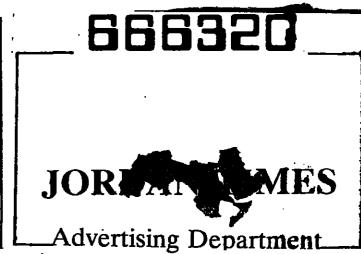




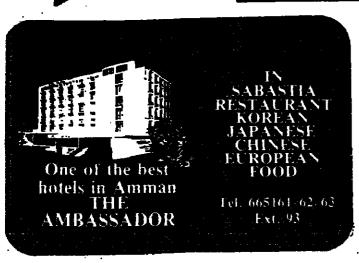
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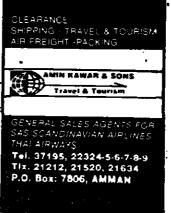
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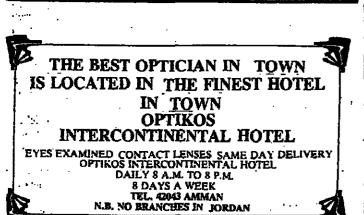
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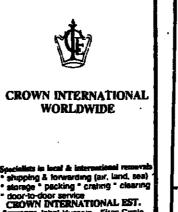








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# SPORTS

# Fencing championships expected Decker at top in U.S. to be East-West contest

VIENNA (R) - The strong Soviet Union and Hungarian squads are expected to face spirited challenges from Italy and France at the 30th World Fencing Championships opening on Thursday.

Despite a record entry of aroand 5(#) competitors from some 40 countries, many with an eye on the 1984 Olympic Games, contests for the eight titles at stake are likely to be fought mainly between there four.

The Soviet Union, who took four golds in Rome last year, will rely on their tried and trusted

Alexander Romankov will defend the men's foils title he has won four times, and he will again partner Yuri Likov and Vladimir Aptsiouri in the foil team event. also a Soviet triumph last year.

Viktor Krovopuskov will seek to retain the sabre world crown. while Naila Gilyasova defends her women's foils title.

The strongest challenger to Romankov is likely to be Italy's

Mario Numa, who reached the final last year. But any one of three French fencers who have shown good form this year -- Pascal Jolyot. Frederic Pietruschka and A. Pezzini--could cause an upset.

Italy's women, who won the foils team event last year, also look best placed to produce a rival capable of toppling Gilyasova in the individual tournament, particularly Dorina Vaccaroni.

Veronique Brouquier of France is also in with a chance while Fast German Manfy Nicklaus, a bronze medallist in Rome, should not be discounted.

Hungary, who won the sabre team title in Rome, will be bidding strongly to wrest the individual crown in this discipline from Krovonuskov. Imre Gedoevari, third last year, leads their challenge, but Pal Gerevich is missing from the-

Bulgaria's V. Etropolski, present leader of this season's world sabre standings, is also fancied and there may be an additional threat from Italian and Polish fencers.

Hungarian Jenoe Pap's defence of the epee title is eased by the absence through illness of his French opponent in last year's final, Philippe Riboud. The main threat in Vienna is likely to come from Alexander Maschayev of the Soviet Union, and West Germany's Elmar Bormann.

Hungarian team coach Gvozo Kulesar said he regarded Bormann as favourite to win the men's epee. But he hoped for a medal for Hungary in the team competition. although there would be strong opposition from France, last year's winner. West Germany. Italy and the Soviet Union.

The championships begin with elimination contests in the men's foils individual tournament Thursday. The finals follow on Friday.

Eliminations and finals for the women's foils individual title are on Friday and Saturday, with cor-

#### responding events for the sabre and epec individual crowns, and team competitions in all three disciplines on succeeding days.

5.000 and 10.000 metres. She will run in the 3,000 metres at the Helsinki World Championships. But at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics the longest

she was a 14-year-old with pigtails

tied with ribbons and braces on

mature 24. The pigtails have been

cut, the braces removed, and she is

a world record holder and one of

the best U.S. hopes for gold at

next month's World Cha-

mpionships and next year's Oly-

Last year she was top U.S.

woman runner at six distances and

set seven world records, three

outdoor and four indoor. She was

clear choice as America's woman

athlete of the year, but she has

never won an Olympic medal or a

Records change hands fast and

the only outdoor mark still in her

possession is her 5.000 metres

time of 15 minutes 8.26 second.

set in June 1982 in Eugene. Ore-

When she was younger Decker

concentrated on the 800 and

1.500 metres. She still runs those

distances but in recent years has

focused on longer events -- 3.000.

World Cup title.

Now Mary Decker-Tabb is a

her teeth.

LOS ANGELES (R) - She has women's race, apart from the been one of America's leading marathon, is the 1,500 metres. women's distance runners since

women's athletics for 10 years

Decker's lack of international success made a triumph last month in a U.S.-East Germany match particularly pleasing, all the more so as it occurred on the New Olympic track at the Los Angeles Coliseum where the 1984 medals will

he contested. She was matched against East German Christine Wartenberg in the 1.500 metres and maintained a

slight lead for the first three laps. With 300 metres to go. Wartenberg made her move but Decker refused to let her pass and won in 3:59.93, just half a second outside her American record. Wartenberg was second in 4:01.29.

Admittedly, neither Decker nor Wartenberg was in the top 10 over 1.500 metres last year, and competition will be tougher in Helsinki and Los Angeles.

But Decker said the win was a confidence-booster. "Coming down the last 50 yards (metres) I tried to visualise how it will be next year." she said.

"I want to store it all up -- the people cheering, the way I had run a smart race and how really good it was to take on good people and win.

Last year Decker was best in the world at 5,000 and 10,000 metres. As well as setting the 5.0(H) metres Angeles next year.

His World Championship cha-

nces have also been hampered by

a leg injury which kept him out of

action for six months until March

Cruz has had to shoulder his

nation's athletic hopes since a car

crash near Sao Paulo a year and a

half ago shattered the right leg and

career of triple jumper Joao Car-

Oliveira had won three World

But in Los Angeles she will be unable to run these events because there is no race distance between the 1.500 metres and the marathon.

many seasons because of a series of injuries to ankle, calf, shin, ligaments and muscles. In 1980 she suffered a painful achilles tendon tear which needed surgery and kept her out for a year.

Ron Tabb.

rdom for Mary Decker when she burst on the track scene as a teenager in the early 1970s. They thought she would find success at the Montreal Olympics in 1976. but she was not around when the medals were handed out.

ther Olympic chance because the U.S. boycotted the Moscow Games following the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

world record she has run the second fastest 10,000 metres, clocking 31:35.30.

Decker has had to miss parts of

This year she has had the additional problem of separation from her husband, marathon runner

Many were quick to predict sta-

Four years later she missed ano-

So. Decker still awaits the intemational medal success which has eluded her. It could come in Helsinki next month. if not in Los

education first at Brigham Young

University in Utah and then at

in athletics here." he said after set-

ting his South American record.

football. The Brazilian athlete

doesn't get the support to develop

man, has yet to make his mark at

world level. But he limbered up in

style two days ago with a win over

experienced American James

Robinson in Nice. France. in, a

race in which European Cha-

mpion Hans-Peter Ferner of West

Germany could finish only sixth.

: - Cruz. who is well-known and

respected by his rivals, could end

up acting unwittingly as a decoy in

Helsinki. distracting attention from a powerful but unknown

According to some Brazilian

Silva from Sao Paulo state could

ahead of Joaquim. He's thinner. taller, he has a bigger stride." Cla-

udio Mello e Souza, sports editor of the O Globo newspaper said,

"I reckon he could even come in

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# Turnbull rallies to send Australia through to last 8

ZURICH (R) - Wendy Turnbull by taking the second set after bresaved four match points against aking Steden's service for a 5-4 little known Mexican Helaine Steden here on Wednesday to steer Australia into the last eight of the Federation Cup Women's Team Tennis Championship.

Turnbull, ranked sixth in the world and the second highest listed player here behind American Andrea Jaeger, battled back superbly to overpower Steden. 19 two days ago. 6-7, 6-4, 7-5 and put her team into an unassailable 2-11 lead over the Mexicans.

Earlier Dianne Fromboltz whipped Claudia Hernandez 6-4, 6-1 to put the fourth seeds ahead and Turnbull was expected to do likewise against West German-horn Steden, the Mexican number one.

But the resilience of the youngster coupled with the dry and dusty clay courts and energysapping temperatures surprised

the 32-year-old Australian. She dropped the first set in a tiebreaker but levelled the match

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lead and holding her own.

But when the Mexican raced into an early lead in the final set and held match point at 5-2 Turnbull looked set to become the first big-name casualty of the week-long tournament.

But Turnbull denied Steden her first opportunity and broke the viexican in the ninth game to close

Steden struck back with a vengeance to go 40-love up for three match points on Turnbull's serve in the next game. But the expcrienced Australian stayed cool and pegged back the deficit to level the set at 5-5 with a perfectly placed lob which left Steden fou-

ndering. She cracked her racket on the ground in annoyance at letting the match slip from her grasp and the pressure told again when she double-faulted to allow Turnbull to break for a 6-5 lead.

The Mexican threat subsided as Furnbull held serve in the 12th game to take her team through for a match against seventh seeds Switzerland on Thursday.

The Swiss came through a cliff-hanger on Wednesday, securing their berth in the last eight in the final set of the doubles.

Petra Delhees and Christiane Jolissaint snatched the win, coming back to beat Virginia Ruzici and Florenta Mihai 2-6, 6-3, 7-5. Earlier Delhees had swept aside

Lucia Romanov 6-1, 6-4 before 28-year-old Ruzici levelled the second round tussle with a 7-6. 6-4 victory over Jolissaint. All the seeds in the lower half of

the draw have survived the ope-

ning two rounds to occupy their

expected places in the quarter-Second seeds West Germany came through comfortably against qualifiers Japan without Claudia Kohde, the world's 16th ranked

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#### Cruz carries South A nerican flag RIO DE JANEIRO (R) - Joawas sponsored by a soft drinks appointing sixth in the World Cup company and studied physical

this year.

los de Oliveira.

quim Cruz has run a long way since the days when he was a humble shoe-shine boy near Brasilia. At the Helsinki World Athletics

Championships next month he will be carrying the best medal hopes not just of Brazil, but of the whole of South America. But he will need to show a clean pair of heels to a highly talented

800 metres field, including British world record holder Sebastian Coe, before he can use his brushes to polish a gold medal. Cruz. 20. holds the Brazilian and South American record of one

minute 44.03 seconds, more than a second faster than Steve Ovett's gold-winning time at the 1980 Moscow Olympics but well outside Coe's world record 1:41.73. Yet Cruz has yet to fulfil his

promise in top-flight international

competition and finished a dis-

Cup gold medals and two Olympic bronzes, and the world triple jump record of 17.89 metres he set in 1975 still stands. He spent nearly 11 months in hospital and lost his right leg below the knee.

Rome two years ago.

Cruz was a poor boy from the Brasilia satellite town of Taguatinga and as a child worked as a street-seller as well as shining

Tall and thin, he played basketball for the Brasilia junior team compatriot. before being persuaded a switch to athletics where he soon made his sports writers. Jose Barbosa da mark with a variety of Brazilian and South American records at be the surprise of the event. 400, 800 and 1,500 metres.

His right leg is two centimetres shorter than the left but this did not stop him winning the 400 and 800 metres at the 1980 World Student Games in Italy.

The following year he was sna-pped up by a U.S. university. He

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## Reported Irish oil find boosts stock market

DUBLIN (R) - Energy shares are booming on the Dublin stock: market following reports that the U.S. Gulf Oil Company may have found a sizeable oil well off the Irish coast.

The Cork Examiner newspaper, based in the town that has become the oil centre of Ireland, reported last week that Guif had found what could be Ireland's first commercial oil find since exploration began in: the 1960s.

It was the most detailed of a number of press reports suggesting, that oil-bearing sands had been discovered.

Gulf and the Irish energy department have refused all comment but Gulf is expected to issue a statement in a few days.

Meanwhile, shares in Gulf's Irish partner, Atlantic Resources, have surged from 41) pence (49 cents) under a month ago to nearly 190 pence (\$2.33) on the Dublin stock market.

The state of the s

.The Examiner, apparently basing its reports on information from oil workers coming off the nearby rigs, said Gulf had found a reservoir thought to contain some 400 million barrels, of which about 100 million barrels might be recoverable, in the Celtic Sea some 35 kilometres off the coast of Waterford, south-east Ireland.

Another Irish company. Aran Energy, also made market gains on the strength of its connection with Marathon Petroleum of the United States, which holds rights to a block adjacent to the one currently . being explored by Gulf.

While the reports have understandably generated excitement, oil industry sources cautioned that it was much too early to say whether Gulf's find would prove to be a commercial proposition. Traces of hydrocarbons have been found in a large proportion of

the 35 wells drilled in the Celtic Sea, but so far no commercial oil · However, the sea is the site of a major natural gas reserve of around 1.35 trillion cubic feet (38 billion cubic metres), enough for

about 20 years, which was discovered by Marathon and came on A key indicator will be flow tests to establish whether enough pressure exists to force the oil to the surface, the sources said.

According to the Cork Examiner. flow-testing is due to start next **OPEC** may review oil price, output rules soon

. HELSINKI (R) - The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) oil exporters may revise their current price and output agreement within the next three months if demand for oil rises. according to delegates who attended an OPEC ministerial meeting here this week.

The two-day session, which ended Tuesday night, re-endorsed a hard-won accord on prices and production reached by OPEC in London four months ago.

The London agreement, which cut OPEC's oil reference price to \$29 a barrel and set an overall output ceiling of 17.5 million barrels a day for the 13 members, has been widely credited with restoring stability to the world oil market.

The exporter group's current production remains comfortably below the ceiling at some 17 million barrels a day.

But delegates said rising demand for oil could make OPEC set higher output quotas to defend the current price structure in the face of growing competition from non-OPEC producers.

The meeting here decided OPECs four-man market monitoring

committee should meet in Abu Dhabi on Sept. 25. OPEC President Mana Said Al Oteiba, who is the United Arab Emirates oil minister, said demand for OPEC oil could be as high as 19 million barrels a day in the fourth quarter of this year.

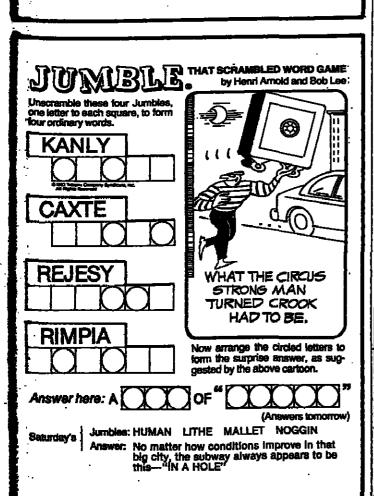
The next routine ministerial session is not due until December. But the Abu Dhabi meeting may also be an appropriate occasion to consider how to share out any increase in demand for OPEC oil. the delegates said.

The Helsinki session also shelved the problem of who would take over as OPEC's top bureaucrat, to replace outgoing secretarygeneral Mr. Marc Nguema of Gabon.

Iran and Iraq, which have been at war for almost three years, had the post.

They threatened to veto each other's nominees and argued over how to interpret the OPEC rule for selecting a successor, so the issue was deferred to the next ministerial meeting.





#### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

#### Iran, India sign cooperation accord

TEHRAN, (OPECNA) - Iran and India Wednesday signed a draft agreement for the establishment of a joint committee on economic, technical and scientific cooperation. Mr. Ali Akbar Velayati, Iranian foreign minister, and his Indian counterpart. Mr. Narasimha Rao, were the signatories. Mr. Velayati spoke of the cultural and social affinities between the two countries. He said relations between them were expected to expand. Mr. Rao described the joint committee as a step towards the expansion of mutual relations and expressed hope for improved economic coo-

#### Lloyd's tightens requirements

LONDON (R) - Lloyd's of London is to compel its underwriting agents to disclose their interests in insurance companies from Oct. 31. Lloyd's chief executive Mr. Ian Davison said Tuesday.

#### Japan to lend China \$286m

PEKING (R) - Japan Tuesday agreed to lend China 64 billion yen (\$286 million) in the current financial year under a five-year agreement signed in 1979, the New China News Agency said. The loan will be used to build and electrify railway lines to boost China's coal transportation capacity, construct the first stage of the giant Baoshan steel mill near Shanghai and other projects. it added. The latest instalment brings total Japanese loans to China under the agreement, which expires this year, to 300 billion yen (\$1.24 billion)

#### Apicorp to invest in Sudan

JEDDAH (R) - The Arab Petroleum Investments Corporation (Apicorp) has decided to take a share in the capital of a company being established to build a 1.500 kilometres pipeline in Sudan. officials said. They said Apicorp, an agency of the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries, will also help in arranging and funding loans for the company, the White Nile Petroleum company. A marine terminal is planned at Marsa Nimeiri on the Red Sea to export Sudanese oil, the officials said.

#### Turkey signs \$200m loan accord

ISTANBUL (R) — Turkey, whose ability to borrow internationally has been severely limited since 1979. Tuesday signed a \$200 million loan agreement. Bankers said the medium-term credit facility signed with 33 international banks from 14 countries indicated the country's growing access to international len-ding markets. The five-year loan, which has a three-year grace period, will supplement foreign currency reserves.

#### U.S. official stresses fair trade

HOLLYWOOD. Florida (R) - U.S. Labour Secretary Raymond Donovan said Tuesday the Reagan administration would not hesitate to take unilateral action if necessary to counter what he called unfair trade practices by other governments. Mr. Donovan said this administration already had filed more complaints under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade than any previous

#### Gulf bank reshapes CD's

BAHRAIN (R) - The National Bank of Abu Dhabi said Wednesday it obtained central bank permission to reduce the minimum denomination of its negotiable certificates of deposit to 250,000 dirhams from 500,000. The certificates can be issued for maturities from three months to five years and will continue to be available in both conventional and discounted forms, it said.

## European Parliament may delay budget

BRUSSELS(R) - The European draft 1984 budget which the min-Parliament, irritated by ministerial divisions over plans to reform the community's finances. could delay approval of a \$2 billion emergency budget. parliamentary sources said Wed-

Community finance ministers met parliamentary leaders Wednesday before difficult negotiations on the budget which is needed to avert a cash crisis.

This followed discussions with foreign ministers Tuesday at which deep rifts were exposed on two-thirds of its cash. controversial plans for reforming the 10-nation bloc's collapsing finances.

Parliament is worried that the divisions could starve the community of new money for several years and force it to manage with its present funds. already near exhaustion.

The sources said the expansionist-minded assembly. whose only real power is over the community's budget, was likely to vent its frustration by delaying approval of the emergency 1983 supplementary budget and of a bers of the 10-nation bloc.

isters are also due to discuss. The assembly's delegation, led by speaker Pieter Dankert, will point out that the budget plans include so-called ad-hoc payments to compensate Britain for budget imbalances, the sources said.

Parliament decided last year it would only approve such new payments as part of a package to overhaul community finances and make more money available to expand the bloc's role beyond agriculture, which now swallows

The sources said the delegation would also object to the bulk of the emergency budget (\$1.0 billion) going on farm spending.

But ministers were expected to counter that parliament had in the past tried to increase farm allocations, helping push them to the present massive level, the sources

West Germany, Britain and the Netherlands Tuesday proposed drastic cuts in the community's mounting farm subsidies, setting them clearly against other mem-

LONDON (R) - Share prices closed mainly firmer as the market regained its early strength in response to a strong Wall Street

opening, dealers said. The F.T. index rose above 700 for the first

The market undertone was firm throughout the day after recent

gains, dealers said, but said that, although buyers predominated.

trading was dull. Leaders ended mainly firmer, with ICl up 4p at

Government bonds ended firmer, although below the day's

Long dated bonds ended with gains of 1/2 point, around 1/4 point

highs. Golds were firm with bullion, and U.S. stocks were higher.

off the highs. News the U.S. Federal Reserve has raised its target

for MI for second half 1983 and rebased the measure had been

anticipated by the market, dealers said, adding the early gains

Banks were firm ahead of their interims, with Barclays up 20p

Britoil stood out in oils with a gain of 10p at 21% following news

a gas pipeline has been brought on stream ahead of schedule.

**LONDON EXCHANGE RATES** 

LONDON (R) - Following are the buying and selling rates for

leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on

the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

U.S. dollars

Canadian dollars

Dutch guilders

Belgian francs

French francs

Japanese yen

Swedish crowns

Danish crowns

U.S. dollars

IF IT'S THERE WHEN

Norwegian crowns

Italian lire

Swiss francs

West German marks

1.5213/23

1.2316/19

2.5805/15

2.8865/75

2.1100/15

7.7600/30

1526.50/1527.50

239,85/240,00

7.6775/6805

9,2850/2900

7.3110/40

One ounce of gold 425.75/426.25

51.64/68

at 499, while in insurance. Royal gained 10p at 496. Union

Discount gained 5p at 553 on a maintained interim dividend.

were ahead of an expected higher opening in U.S. bonds.

time since July 5, and at 1500 was up 1.4 at 701.1.

524. Banks and insurers were firm features.

Lower electricals had Plessey down 7p at 657.

Diplomats said the deep split between those who see financial salvation in slashing the costly

farm policy and those opposed to opening day of a special reform council set up to overhaul the community's troubled finances. Britain took the initiative by detailing hardline reform pro-

posals which diplomats said would probably provide the framework for the council's negotiations, due to be completed in time for the community summit in Athens in December. Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey

Howe stole a march on his apparently unprepared colleagues by making the proposals when foreign and finance ministers met to outline their government's initial positions, they added. West German Foreign Minister

ported Sir Geoffrey's proposals as a good start for the discussions. diplomats said. He said cost cutting was a log-

ical starting point for reform, interests,

Community cash curbs should complement national efforts to squeeze public expenditure, he

added. any serious curbs emerged on the The Netherlands, normally considered a beneficiary of the community's farm subsidies, also came out strongly in favour of a major

revision that would severely limit

tarm spending. In written proposals to the ministers, the Dutch government also said gradual moves to align community farm prices with world market levels should be among the major reforms.

But other ministers were vehement in their defence of the common agricultural policy, although all agreed there should be better cost-management, diplomats said.

Belgian Foreign Minister Leo Findemans appeared to reflect. Hans-Dietrich Genscher sup- their views when he argued that proposals such as those presented by Britain would virtually turn the group into a bankers' clearing house rather than a community of

#### YOUR DAILY LONDON STOCK MARKET from the Carroll Righter Institute

#### FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, JULY 21, 1983

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You can have a late start today in getting into the various ideas and conditions that you wish to put in effect but as the day continues, you find you see things differently.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Plan those new arrangements you wish to make and then follow through in a positive and precise way.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Study all of your responsibilities and then plan just how they can best be handled, then follow through wisely.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) First think over how you want to put new deals over with a partner so that you will not quarrel, then all works out fine.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Your mate has asked you for favors in the past and now is the time to accede to requests.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Make sure you follow through in all your work commitments in an exacting way and you get excellent results. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Get your house in good

order and repair after so much hesitation and feel happier. First get the OK from kin. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Contact those persons who can give you the advanced information that you need at

this time. Show you will do something helpful. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Use a more direct method if you want to add to present abundance. An ad-

visor could also be of assistance. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Find the personal interests that can bring you the happiness and well being you seek. Get to group meetings.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) If you confer with a good advisor you can start a new campaign of action that can bring you greater success.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Take time to consider the wishes of friends and try to help them in their ambitions, especially those who are out-of-town.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) If you handle career matters properly, you can gain much added prestige at this

time. Be more direct. IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY . . . he or she will love to study and learn about the latest trends and technology and be prepared for any changes coming into this life, so prepare now for a fine college education. There

is some musical talent here. "The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

#### FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, JULY 22, 1983

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Arguments today could occur if you try to push your occupational ideas upon others, whether they work with you or are on the outside, but it is a very good time for you.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Try not to be demanding at work either with underlings or co-workers and get better organized. Be sure to handle a credit affair.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Get those new ideas in operation and gain the co-operation of allies by charming them. Also make new contacts.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Your hunches are fine in the morning and can be very helpful in whatever you have

or want to do. Relax tonight. MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Your partners expect you to come up with the right solution to joint pro-

blems, so don't disappoint them. LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Co-workers should be handled in a tactful way in the morning and then when the going is

fast, there will be no tenseness. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Early set up those appointments with friends for the amusements you want to delve into and later all goes smoothly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Take care of those calls in that are important and later try to help family with some

problematical situation. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You like to investigate and now can come up with the truth about puzzling mat-

ters but don't act unwisely later. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Know what new interests you want to take on and later avoid some dif-

ficult situation. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Early make those plans so that you can gain whatever it is you want the

most. Apply your best efforts. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) A good day to do whatever will be of help to your friends and show that you

are devoted to them. PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Full speed ahead at the

work ahead of you. Later slow down and use tact with everyone. Socialize tonight. IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY . . . he or she will

have much imagination and will want to work ideas down to a practical and workable level, and learn about the most accepted methods of doing things. Give as fine an education as you can. Religious training is a must.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to youl

#### **Peanuts**







One sterling

One U.S. dollar



# Mutt 'n' Jeff







#### **Andy Capp**







# WORLD

# Reagan picks C. American crew

WASHINGTON (R) — President Reagan has named 11 members of a bipartisan commission that will advise him on long-term policies in Central America with the aim of ending congressional res-Istance to inreased military aid for Washington's allies in the area.

Salvador rebels launch

surprise daylight raid

. The members of the commission, to be headed by former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, were named Tuesday as U.S. officials prepared for joint military exercises in the region to demonstrate support for friendly countries there.

The role of the new study group is to recommend policies encouraging social, economic and democratic progress in Central America as well as reviewing ext- celebrated its fourth anniversary

SAN SALVADOR (R) - Sal-

vadorean leftist guerrillas evaded

more than 500 government troops in a daylight raid on the town of

Suchitoto in which they killed and

injured 11 policemen, rebel radio

Police in Suchitoto, which lies

some 45 kilometres northeast of

the capital. Tuesday confirmed

the attack but gave no details of

Radio Farabundo Marti. voice

(FPL), one of five guerrilla groups the area.

Chilean union chief freed

of the Popular Liberation Forces

SANTIAGO(R) - Rodolfo Seg-

uel. leader of Chile's copper wor-

kers and the protest movement

against the military government of

President Augusto Pinochet, was

freed Tuesday night after more

An appeals court confirmed a

judge's decision Monday to rel-

case Mr. Seguel on bail of 5,000

pesos (S65) and he left Santiago's

main prison to cheers from more

"We will keep on fighting." he

Houston snubs

HOUSTON (R) - Three Soviet

mayors on a goodwill visit to Hou-

sion were denied permission Tue-

sday to visit one of the city's major

tourist attractions, the Johnson

"The State Department turned

them down flat." said Robbie

Devries of the Houston-Baku sis-

tercity association which arranged

State Department spo-

keswoman Judy Jameson said

Soviet officials were allowed to

visit only 24 per cent of the United

States because the Kremlin res-

tricts the movement of Americans

The mayors would have had no

to 20 per cent of the Soviet Union.

strouble visiting the space centre if

they had turned up as regular tou-

BY CHARLES GOREN

South deals.

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The bidding:

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possible.

NORTH

+AK8

♥ A 87

♦ A Q 2

♣ K 983

SOUTH

**+** 1063

⊗ KQJ

♦ K 76

**♣** A J 105

South West North East

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1 NT Pass 6 NT Pass

Opening lead: Jack of .

When you have a two-way

finesse to take, it helps if you

can get a count of the op-

ponents' hands. But you must

do all you can to assure that

the count is as complete as

The auction was a matter

of simple arithmetic. After

South had shown a balanced

hand of 13-15 points with his

one no trump rebid. North

added in his 20 points, came

up with enough for slam and

wasted no time in bidding it.

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Space Centre.

Soviet mayors

than a month in jail.

than 100 supporters.

broadcasts said.

ernal threats to the area's stability and security.

Mr. Reagan, who said the Soviet Union and Cuba were building a war machine in Nicaragua. formed the group to try to broaden support in congress for his controversial Latin policies, including increased military aid to El Salvador and help for anti-Sandinista rebels in Nicaragua.

As the Nicaraguan government

fighting the U.S.-backed gov-

ernment, said the army replied

with a bombing raid and machine

its 125th anniversary with a visit

by President Alvaro Magana and

The rebel raid came as more

than 500 troops of the First Inf-

antry Brigade and the crack U.S.-

trained Atlacatl battalion were

making an anti- guerrilla sweep of

Mr. Seguel. arrested on June

15. still faces charges under int-

ernal security laws following two

days of protest against the gov-

ernment organised by his Con-

federation of Copper Workers

(CTC) and other labour unions.

after the CTC called a strike.

Further charges were added

"I do not want to overthrow

anyone." Mr. Seguel told rep-

orters after an emotional reunion

with his children and union off-

gets the blame

DARWIN. Australia (R) - Gov-

ernment lawyers are looking into

claims that the baby daughter of

Lindy Chamberlain was killed by a

partly-tamed dingo (wild dog) and

that the body was buried by str-

angers, an official spokesman said

Two friends of Mrs. Cha-

mberlain, 35, who was sentenced

to life imprisonment last April for

murdering her daughter, have lodged what they say is proof that

a semi-domesticated dingo took

the baby and that several people

The claim was made by Aus-

tralian businessmen Phil Ward

and Don McNicholl, who like the

Chamberlains are Seventh Day

Adventists. Mr. McNicholl is a

former policeman and now a law-

are only ten fast tricks. The

only place for declarer to

develop two more tricks is in

the club suit, and to do that

declarer will have to find the

If declarer wins the dia-

mond and cashes out all his

winners, he will learn that

West started with five

diamonds and two hearts and

that East began with five

hearts and two diamonds.

However, he will have no

way of knowing the distribu-

tion of the black suits. Is the

club finesse, therefore, a

Not to an expert declarer.

He will correct the count at

trick two by ducking a spade!

Now when he cashes his win-

ners, he will also discover

that East started with two

spades, which places West

with five spades. That means

that twelve of West's cards

are accounted for, so he must

suit is an open book. Declarer

cashes the king of clubs and

takes care to jettison the

jack of clubs under it. When

the queen does not drop,

declarer runs the nine of

clubs, and he can stay in dum-

Because of the unfortunate my to repeat the finesse!

Now the play in the club

hold exactly one club.

queen of clubs.

pure guess?

helped to dispose of the body.

Wednesday.

**GOREN BRIDGE** 

**COUNTING IS DUCK SOUP!** 

North-South vulnerable. duplication in hearts, there

icials at CTC headquarters.

Tame dingo

other government leaders.

The town last week celebrated

and mortar fire.

Tuesday. United Nations ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick called on Nicaraguans to overturn the Sandinista regime of "violence and deception".

But the House of Representatives, in a rare closed session, debated cutting off U.S. aid to anti-Sandinista forces. viembers remained deeply divided. congressional sources said Tuesday night.

The Defence Department also announced that an eight-ship battle group had been diverted from a planned cruise to the Indian Ocean and sent to the Pacific Coast of Central America where it would remain in international waters during U.S. military exercises in Honduras planned for

U.S. officials said the air, land and sea manoeuvres were designed to reinforce the Reagan administration's concern over Soviet. Cuban and Nicaraguan "agreesion" in Central America.

They will be a demonstration of U.S. resolve... we wish to make it quite clear we are not going to turn our backs and walk away." one official said.

Mr. Reagan's commission includes Robert Strauss. Middle East negotiator and special trade representative in President Carter's administration: Lane Kirkland. leader of the AFL-CIO labour movement: Former Texas Governor William Clements and retired Supreme Court Justice Potter

## British A.P.s vote to hike their own salaries

LONDON (R) - Britain's new House of Commons rebelled against Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher early Wednesday and voted a series of substantial pay rises for its members.

Back-bench members of Mrs. Thatcher's Conservative Party spurned her appeal to hold back on a big increase in order to set an example to the nation and boost the government's austere economic policies.

Voting after a late sitting, they forced through a measure which will equate their salaries with those of senior civil servants now earning £18,500 (\$28,100). That link will not take effect

until 1988 -- about the time this Parliament will probably be disolved for another general election.

But when it does, it will mean a 27.5 per cent rise from the current £14.510 (\$22.000) a year and will, more or less automatically. voting on its supporters.

protect the members' lifestyles from the effect of future inflation. Meanwhile. members will get an immediate rise of 5.5 per cent and a series of further rises over

the next four years.

An official study concluded this year that members of Parliament needed an immediate pay rise of 31 per cent to bring them into line with comparable people in industry, professions and the civil

But Mrs. Thatcher, hoping to hold down pay rises for government employees, suggested a single increase of four per cent.

In the crucial vote, the backbenchers had their way by a majority of just five.

The result is not technically considered a defeat for the government since it had not imposed the normal constraint of party-line

#### Study says U.S. Navy careless about radiation

WASHINGTON (R) - U.S. the Thames River off New Lon-Navy ships have leaked radiation don. Connecticut, when 500 tons at least 37 times since they began using nuclear reactors, contaminating coastal and inshore tender. waters off Japan. Britain and the report released Wednesday.

The report by the fund for constitutional government, a private research group, accused the U.S. Navy of "suppressing information about a 311-year-long history of radiation accidents and safety problems."

The navy says it has a perfect record of reactor safety. But the study, citing Pentagon

and congressional documents and published reports, concluded U.S. nuclear-powered submarines were responsible for "at least 13 accidental discharges of radioactive material in coastal wat-

Contamination occurred off the coasts of the United States. Japan and Britain among other places. it

said. Citing former Pentagon employees, it said the navy routinely dumps at sea the highly radioactive resins used as filters in nuclear reactors, despite its avowed policy of never throwing such materials overboard.

Among the incidents listed in the study, by investigative reporter David Kaplan, was one in Apra Harbour, Guam, in 1975, when a disabled submarine tender discharged highly radioactive reactor cooling water into the har-

Shortly afterwards, radiation levels in the water near two public beaches were measured at 50 times the allowable dose. a navy technician testified under oath. Another incident took place in

of radioactive water spilled during transfer from a submarine to a When the USS Swordfish doc-United States on more than a ked off Japan in 1968, Japanese

scientists detected radiation in the water up to 20 times higher than normal background levels, the report said.

The study also cites U.S. goverament reports which it says reveal serious radiation dangers on Soviet nuclear submarines, including exposure to radiation dangers on Soviet nuclear submarines, including exposure to radiation which has caused premature baldness, sterility and other problems among seamen.

Citing Danish intelligence sources, the study being published in the current issue of the magazine "Oceans" said many Soviet submariners have died due to radiation exposure.

According to a Pentagon document quoted in the study, the icebreaker Lenin. Moscow's first nuclear-powered ship, suffered a catastrophic radiation accident in 1966 and had to be abandoned for more than a year.

Navy Secretary John Lehman told reporters last year that "There have been some catastrophic health-impairment incidents" in the Soviet nuclear navy. He said the Pentagon had monitored disabled Kremlin submarines being towed back to port with five kilometre tow lines because of radiation dangers.

The USS Nautilus, the United States' first nuclear submarine, is so radioactive that parts of it will be closed to the public when it is turned into a museum in the near future, the report said.

## Factory accident affects Soviet nuclear energy plan

MOSCOW (R) - A new reactor factory crucial to the Soviet Union's nuclear energy programme has been hit by an accident, the newspaper Pravda said Wednesday.

The Communist Party daily gave few details of what happened at the Atommash plant in the southern town of Volgodonsk, but it made clear there had been a serious mishap which had caused damage and would delay the production programme.

The Atommash complex. originally due to be completed this year, is designed to turn out reactors and nuclear power station equipment vital to Soviet plans to boost atomic energy output.

Western energy experts in Moscow said it was not believed to have any atomic facilities of its own and that a nuclear accident was highly unlikely.

Pravda said the management of Atommash had been severely censured for "not ensuring the accident-free exploitation of engineering communications" at the plant.

It said urgent measures were being taken at the plant to "straighten out the present conditions there" and "clear up the consequences of the mistakes which occurred".

The ruling politburo last week accused officials in charge of the plant of "gross violations of state discipline", an unusually harsh formulations of criticism.

The Kremlin also announced the formation of a state committee for safety in the nuclear power industry, a move which Western diplomats said was a sure sign there had been an accident at Atommash.

## Accused pleads not guilty to murder of Vicki Morgan

LOS ANGELES (R) - An unemployed clerk. Marvin Pancoast. Tuesday night pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity to the murder of ex-actress Vicki Morgan, who has been named in the so-

called sex films saga. Pancoast, 33, informally dressed and looking down at the floor, quietly pleaded not guilty and also not guilty by reason of insanity to murdering the 30year-old vis. viorgan.

If found guilty of vis. viorgan's murder, he could be senteced to up to 26 years imprisonment. If acquitted on the insanity plea. he could be held in custody in a psychiatric hospital.

Ms. Morgan was one of 10 people alleged by lawyer Robert Steinberg to have been involved in films of natural sex "as we know it" and of masochistic sex.

Mr. Steinberg said others in the films included two senior Reagan administration officials. a U.S. congressman, two prominent bustimillionaire Alfred Bloomingdale, who was a member of President Reagan's so-called "kitchen cabinet" of advisers. Vis. Morgan was found dead on

July & apparently beaten to death with a baseball bat.

Mr. Steinberg later reported the films had been stolen. Police have recommended criminal action be taken against him for filing a false police report.

One of Pancoast's lawyers. Arthur Barens, said Tuesday he had asked for increased police protection for his client. "Some people might be interested in not seeing him go to trial." Mr. Barens

In a packed magistrate's courtroom, another of Pancoast's lawyers. Charles Mathews, said Tuesday he felt the fact the prosecutors had notified the press of the arraignment hearing could have jeopardised Pancoast's right to a fair trial.

### FBI gets it all wrong

MIAMI (R) - FBI agents thought they had their man when they announced a New York bank employee carried out the latest hijacking of a U.S. airliner to

But the U.S. crime fighting organisation was still trying to work out Wednesday exactly who forced the pilot of an Eastern Airlines plane to fly to Havana -- the suspect it named as "J.C. Montero" turned up for work as usual and said: "It wasn't me".

Red-faced FB1 men found Mr. Montero working normally as a computer programmer when they went to the Chase Manhattan Bank in New York." It was a complete error." a bank spokesman FBI.

said, adding that Mr. Montero did not want to talk about the FBI's bungle.

The true identity of the hijacker of the Lockheed TriStar, the eighth U.S. airliner to be diverted to Cuba this year, remained a mys-

The FBI stayed tight-lipped on how it came to name the wrong

But several of the 212 other passengers on the plane said the hijacker showed what looked like a Chase Manhattan identity card Tuesday when he passed a note to the crew saying he had a bomb in his briefcase, according to the

## Pilots catnap over Atlantic

LONDON (R) - The pilots of an airliner fell asleep for 20 minutes over the Atlantic until they were woken by a warning bell, according to a British aviation study.

It was one of three cases of catnapping at the controls reported confidentially to the Royal Air Force Institute of Aviation Viedicine in a study of human factors in flying safety.

The airliner had slowly accelerated, activating a warning bell that wakened the two pilots.

## **NEWS IN BRIEF**

#### Legionnaires' disease kills Spanish colonel

MADRID (R) - Spanish military authorities said one of several high-ranking army officers killed by a mystery illness was suffering from legionnaires' disease. The authorities issued a communique saying tests here on tissue and serum samples taken from a dead Civil Guard colonel and four other sick soldiers revealed traces of the rare virus. Legionnaires' disease is a flu-like allment which got its name after it broke out at a 1976 convention of the American Legion in Philadelphia. killing 29.

#### Dinosaur find hailed as great

LONDON (R) - The discovery of a skeleton of an unknown species of dinosaur in southern England has been hailed by scientists as possibly the most important find in Britain this century. A spokesman for London's Natural History Vuscum said the skeleton is of a large. flesh-eating dinosaur with a massive foreclaw. It is at least 125 million years old. The claw bone was found an amateur fossile collector in a clay pit south of London in January. A team from the museum then moved in and discovered the rest of the skeleton.

#### S. Africa bars Lesotho citizens

MASERU (R) - South Africa Wednesday closed as border to hundreds of Lesotho citizens. The travellers told reporters they had been turned back from several posts on the frontier between this mountain kingdom, which is surrounded by South Africa, when they tried to enter for business and shopping. They said theshad been told by South African border officials that people from Lesotho could not be allowed to enter while the Mascru government harboured guerrillas of the outlawed African National Congress (ANC), which is fighting white supremacy in the republic. They added they had been told to try again in one month's

#### Freed hostage has no fears

TORONTO (R) - A Canadian pilot taken hostage in the Sudan is keen to get back to work in East Africa despite his skirmish with death. Vlartin Overduin was held captive with four other foreign aid workers - two Americans, a West German and Dutchman -by Sudanese rebels for 15 days. They were freed early this month. Overduin, who has been flying medical personnel to remote areas of Africa for the past five years, said after returning to Canada to see his family that he was anxious to get back to flying.

#### Zimbabwe rebels raid gold mine

HARARE (R) - Anti-government rebels in southwestern Zimbabwe killed three people and wounded eight in a raid on a gold mine last Sunday, a mine spokesman said Wednesday. Mining industry sources in Harare said it was the second attack by rebels in a month on a large mine in the province of Marabeleland, where Prime Minister Robert Mugabe says dissident forces are fighting to destroy his government.

Edited by Herb Ettenson

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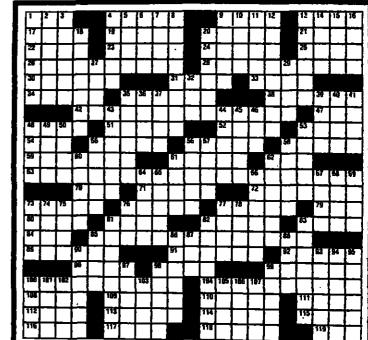
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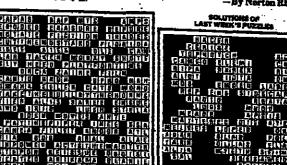


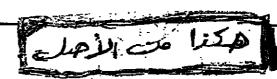
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